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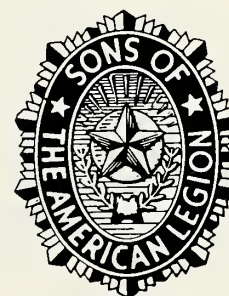
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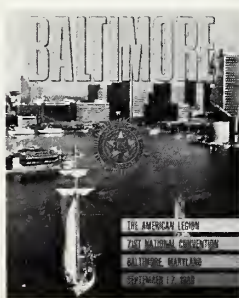
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1989 Convention Program

Baltimore, Maryland

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Welcome to Baltimore and The American Legion's 71st Annual National Convention

During my year as your National Commander I have witnessed a growing spirit throughout The American Legion. That Spirit is the one that guided our successful membership efforts. You can be justifiably proud of our reaching the 3-million member mark. It was a lofty goal and our success permits us to continue to make The American Legion the largest and fastest growing veterans organization in the world.

But the spirit you displayed these past 12 months has not been limited to membership growth. Throughout the year I witnessed this spirit build and take shape. The American Legion successes of this year have been varied. Some, like the elevation of the Veterans Administration to Cabinet level, were the culmination of years of work.

Others, like our positive protest of the Supreme Court decision on burning our flag, the living symbol of all our freedoms, are just the beginning of another fight for what we know is right.

We are committed to press on, for as long as it takes, with our nationwide campaign for a constitutional amendment to protect our flag. Our actions reflect the true spirit of our nation's flag, our freedom and democracy, and we will triumph if we work together to STAND BY OUR FLAG.

The American Legion is filled with the spirit of America and America deeply needs the patriotic example of The American Legion.



H.F. "Sparky" Gierke

In my acceptance speech in Louisville, I told you my theme would be "Proud to be an American." My fellow Legionnaires, I am proud not only to be an American, but proud to be a veteran and most of all proud to be a member of The American Legion.

You and your fellow Legionnaires throughout the world helped make this the proudest year of my life. Throughout my travels I have been greeted by the finest citizens this great nation of ours has to offer. The tireless work and dedication of the 3-million members of The American Legion does not go unnoticed.

I often had the opportunity to speak with people of other groups outside our organization. I told them about the great programs of The American Legion. I told them about our work with the children and youth of this nation. I spoke of American Legion Baseball, Boys State and Boys Nation, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation and our countless other programs designed to help our young people grow into strong, healthy, caring adults.

We all know this has been a year of continuing assault on the VA medical

system. The American Legion led the fight for adequate funding. We lead the fight to care for those veterans of Vietnam who suffer from the effects of Agent Orange and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Last Veterans Day, I held a news conference in Washington, D.C. to announce the results of a five-year study on Vietnam veterans. The American Legion-Columbia University Study clearly illustrated a direct relationship between exposure to Agent Orange and a myriad of medical problems. As part of our effort to publicize this information, The American Legion produced a 30-minute film which was made available to all Departments and the media. The film explored the results of the reports and looked into the effects of combat in Vietnam and its toll in human terms.

We did not limit our attention to the veterans of Vietnam. The American Legion continues to work closely with members of Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure adequate funding for veterans medical care. This is a battle which will remain as part of The American Legion's agenda for all time. We will not waiver from our responsibility to see that all veterans receive the care and benefits they earned as a result of their service to the nations.

The American Legion is stronger today than it was a year ago. I know with your hard work and dedication it will become even stronger still. You have demonstrated with determination and dedication that all things are possible. Our 3-million members are proof of that. Be we cannot let up.

Tomorrow we will face greater challenges. These will be challenges which will try the very fabric of our organization. Together we will meet those challenges head-on.

As we begin our 71st National Convention here in Baltimore, the home of the Star Spangled Banner, you can be proud to be an American, proud to be a veteran and proud to be a Legionnaire. Pride comes from our service to God and country and nobody can take that away from us.

Where to Register and Obtain Information

Registration and Information Booths will be operated in Baltimore for the convenience of conventioners.

Booths will be located in the —

Baltimore Convention Center
Stouffer Harborplace Hotel

Booths will operate from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Friday, September 1 through Wednesday, September 6.

The Registration Booths will operate for those persons who have not previously registered and wish to attend Convention Sessions.

All persons (except those under age 12) are to be reminded that the official convention badge or other approved credentials are required to gain entry to the General Convention Sessions.

THOSE WHO FORGET 1974 MAY BE FORCED TO RELIVE IT.

Americans have always looked on the bright side. We're born optimists. As long as things are going good we keep going good.

We sometimes forget the 1970's when our dependence on foreign oil lengthened the lines at gas stations.

And increased reliance on foreign oil can result in decisions that do not truly reflect America's best interests.

As veterans who have shared responsibility for America's security, you can appreciate that the greater this country's dependence on foreign oil, the greater the risk of committing military resources in order to maintain access to that oil.

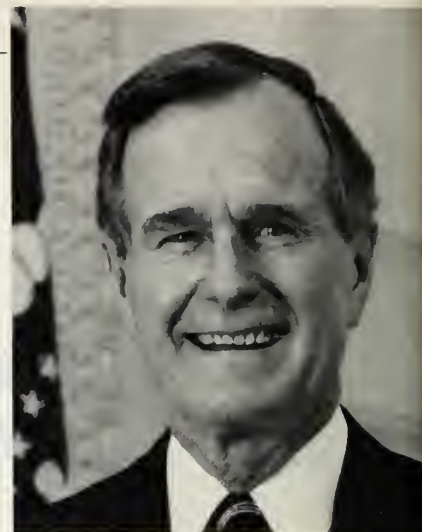
It's something to remember these days.





THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 17, 1989



As President and as Commander in Chief I am proud to extend my warmest greetings to the members of the American Legion gathered in Baltimore, Maryland, for your 71st National Convention.

During the past seven decades, the American Legion has provided support and a voice for millions of individuals who have earned the title, "American Veteran." I am proud to be among your number.

The men and women of the American Legion did not stop serving our country when they stopped wearing its uniform. That is why this wonderful organization is a source of pride and strength for the United States. The nearly 16,000 posts around the world that constitute the American Legion give clear testimony to what can be accomplished by individuals and groups who are dedicated to solving the problems currently facing our nation.

Each day, across the United States, the members of the American Legion demonstrate their deep personal commitment to bringing our country closer to the ideals of our Founding Fathers. From scholarship to drug education to American Legion Baseball and Boys Nation, the programs of the Legion and American Legion Auxiliary encourage all Americans to share in that great vision.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a most enjoyable and productive convention and in thanking you for your outstanding contributions to our Republic. God bless you, and God bless America.

Geo Bush



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As Governor of Maryland, it gives me great pleasure to extend warmest greetings to my fellow members of The American Legion as you gather to conduct the very serious business to come before your 71st Annual National Convention. I want to assure you that Maryland is most pleased to be your host State for this prestigious Convention.

Legionnaires, perhaps more than any other group, know firsthand the benefits and privileges that freedom confers upon us as a people and a nation. You know, too, the great responsibility and sacrifices all of us continually pay for the liberty we enjoy. Your strong commitment for making America a better and safer place for our citizens is both noteworthy and commendable. Through your 16,000 posts and three million members, Legionnaires are known the world over for their patriotic and civic programs aimed at keeping America strong, free and prosperous. Your programs for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, as well as for enhancing the opportunities of our future leaders - the young men and women of this great nation, are historically recognized.

I feel confident that the policies and programs adopted at this Convention will build upon our cherished American tradition, and continue to point the way for others to follow. You have my very best wishes for a productive and enjoyable Convention, and I commend you for your ongoing commitment!

Sincerely,

William Donald Schaefer
Governor

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My Fellow Legionnaires:

On behalf of the more than 77,000 members of The American Legion Department of Maryland, it is with great pleasure that we welcome you to Baltimore and the 71st National Convention of The American Legion.

Maryland prides itself with being known as America in Miniature. From our seashore to the East and our mountains to the West, we are truly the land of pleasant living. At the hub of it all is this great seaport City of Baltimore located on the western shore of the Cheseapeake Bay.

Baltimore is a city deep in history and tradition. A city where you will find its people warm, friendly and ready to assist you during your stay.

The deep history of Baltimore you will find is only a short walk away whether it be to Fort McHenry, the home of our National Anthem, written by a native Marylander, Francis Scott Key, or to the Baltimore Railroad Museum, one of the finest in the Nation or to the birthplace of the Saulton of Swat, Babe Ruth, you will find that Baltimore and its people are proud of its history and traditions.

For many of you, Maryland will bring back memories of days gone by at Fort Mead, Fort Holliabird, The Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Edgewood Arsenal, the Bainbridge Naval Station, and many other military installations which are nearby.

We are only a short drive from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, America's Colonial Capitol. The Civil War battle fields of Antietam and Gettysburg and our Nation's Capitol, Washington, DC.

In closing, again permit me to welcome you and wish you well during your stay in the port that built a city. If I or any of the Maryland Legionnaires can be of assistance during you stay, you have only to ask. It is our pleasure to serve you and be your Host during this Convention.

Yours for God and Country

Robert "Bob" Redyk

ROBERT "BOB" REDYK
Department Commander - 1988-89



71 YEARS OF SERVICE



THANK YOU





CITY OF BALTIMORE

KURT L. SCHMOKE, Mayor



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

250 City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

September 1, 1989

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Baltimore for the 71st Annual National Convention of The American Legion. We are indeed proud to host such a monumental assembly of patriotic Americans. Therefore, on behalf of the citizens of Baltimore, I would like to acknowledge and commend the men and women who have served us and our country through their service in our armed forces. Their commitment to our nation and willingness to defend it has preserved our democratic way of life - and for this we are all truly grateful.

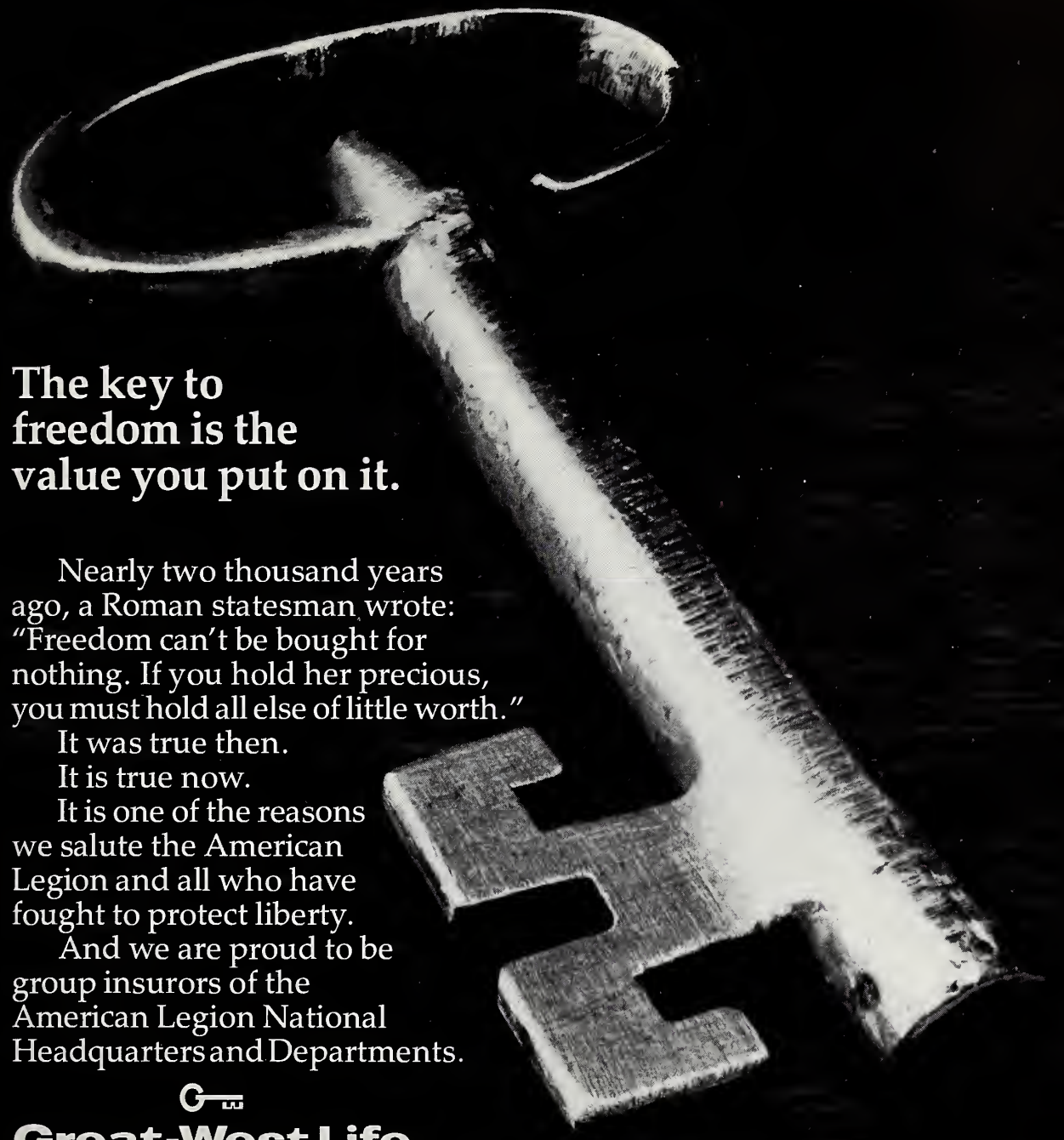
Baltimore is a dynamic and diverse city characterized by ethnic flavor, historical heritage, and progressive vision. There are things of interest here for everyone. During your visit, please take some time to experience some of the sites, sounds, and attractions that have made Baltimore a city of national acclaim. You are certain to enjoy our charm and hospitality.

Again, welcome to Baltimore, and best wishes for a successful convention.

Sincerely,

Kurt Schmoke
Mayor

KLS:lmc



**The key to
freedom is the
value you put on it.**

Nearly two thousand years ago, a Roman statesman wrote:
"Freedom can't be bought for nothing. If you hold her precious, you must hold all else of little worth."

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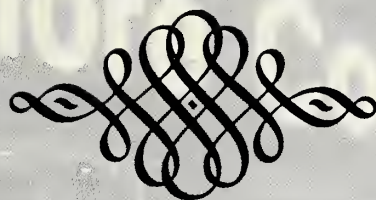
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*Baltimore Convention Center
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September 5-7, 1989*

Agenda

71st Annual National Convention — The American Legion Baltimore Convention Center — Baltimore, Maryland September 5-7, 1989

Tuesday, September 5, 1989

- 8:30 a.m. PRELUDE
Peter Ole, Organist
- 9:00 a.m. FEATURED PERFORMANCE OPENING PRODUCTION
H. F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
"THIS IS THE AMERICAN LEGION — A
STAR-SPANGLED CELEBRATION OF
FREEDOM — FAITH AND FAMILY"
TEAM 3,000,000 CELEBRATION
- 9:50 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS
Cheverly Troopers
American Legion Post 108
Cheverly, Maryland
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF PEACE
CANDLE
Rev. F. Robert Davidson (Michigan)
National Chaplain
POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR CEREMONY
By: William M. Detweiler (Louisiana)
*Chairman, Foreign Relations
Commission*
Keith Baker (Iowa)
Chairman, POW/MIA Committee
CITIZEN OATH
Administered by:
H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
PREAMBLE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION
CONSTITUTION
H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
CALL FOR CONVENTION
Robert W. Spanogle (Michigan)
National Adjutant
- 10:05 a.m. WELCOME
The Honorable William Donald Schaefer
Governor of Maryland
The Honorable Kurt Schmoke
Mayor of Baltimore
Robert Redyk, 1988-89 *Department
Commander*
The American Legion of Maryland

- Clarence M. Bacon, *President*
The American Legion
Maryland National Convention Corp., Inc.
RESPONSES TO ADDRESSES OF
WELCOME
H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
- 10:20 a.m. NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT
H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
- 10:35 a.m. PRESENTATION of Medallion to the City of
Louisville, Kentucky
Host City for the 1988 National Convention
By: John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
Past National Commander
Accepting: J. Leslie Brown, Jr., *President*
The American Legion National
Convention Corporation of
Kentucky, Inc.
- 10:40 a.m. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
By: H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
To: Rev. F. Robert Davidson (Michigan)
National Chaplain
- 10:45 a.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS & INTERNAL
AFFAIRS — SECTION 1
- 10:55 a.m. REPORT OF LEGISLATION AND RULES
- 11:00 a.m. INTRODUCTION
Mrs. Ted Galka (Indiana)
National President
American Legion Auxiliary
- 11:05 a.m. ADDRESS
Admiral Paul A. Yost, Jr.
The Commandant
United States Coast Guard
- 11:25 a.m. GREETINGS
Charles T. Hagel, *President*
USO World Headquarters
- 11:35 a.m. REPORT OF CHILDREN & YOUTH
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING
DEPARTMENT
GARLAND MURPHY AWARD
By: H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
- 11:50 a.m. GREETINGS
James Eric Pierce, Ph.D.
Senior Chaplain
The Chapel of Four Chaplains

NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and time of
Convention Committee Reports are subject to
change by the Chair.

12:00 noon PRESENTATION
TARGET INTERACTIVE PROJECT (TIP)
TIP Video featuring H.F. "Sparky" Gierke
(North Dakota) *National Commander*
Remarks by: Ken Treadway, *Director of TIP Marketing*
National Federation of State
High School Associations

12:15 p.m. PRESENTATION — REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION YOUTH
PROGRAMS
1989 Scout of the Year
Rodney James Votava, Warren, Minnesota
1989 First Place Winner National Oratorical
Contest
Martin T. Kelly, Jr., Hydes, Maryland
1989 Boys Nation President
Thomas C. Workman, Bexley, Ohio
1988 Baseball Player of the Year
Michael G. Kessler, Cincinnati, Ohio

12:25 p.m. PRESENTATION — 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME
By: H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
To: Howard C. Talbot, Jr., *Director*

12:35 p.m. REPORT OF AMERICANISM
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING
DEPARTMENT
THE FRANK N. BELGRANO, JR. TROPHY
RALPH T. O'NEIL EDUCATION TROPHY
By: H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)

12:50 p.m. ADDRESS
The Honorable Charles G. Douglas (New
Hampshire)
United States House of Representatives

1:05 p.m. PRESENTATION — WILLIAM RANDOLPH
HEARST AMERICANISM TROPHY
By: Charles J. Lewis, Bureau Chief
Hearst Newspapers Washington Bureau
To: Winning Department

1:15 p.m. PRESENTATION — NATIONAL FLAG DAY
FOUNDATION, INC.
To: H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
By: Richard M. Patterson, *Vice President*

1:20 p.m. ADDRESS
The Honorable Edward J. Derwinski
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

1:40 p.m. MESSAGE TO THE CONVENTION
Dr. Maynard H. Mires, Sr., D.V.M.
National President
The Society of American Legion Founders

1:45 p.m. GREETINGS
George T. Campbell, *Dominion President*
Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in
Canada
Gaston Garceau, *Dominion President*
The Royal Canadian Legion

A. Bartlett Giamatti
Commissioner of Baseball
General Joon-Yeol So, *President*
The Korean Veterans Association
General Chen-Chou Shih, *Secretary General*
Vocational Assistance Commission for
Retired Servicemen
Republic of China

2:10 p.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS & INTERNAL
AFFAIRS — SECTION 2

2:35 p.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS & INTERNAL
AFFAIRS — MEMBERSHIP
SALUTE TO COLORS
RECESS

Wednesday, September 6, 1989

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
SALUTE TO COLORS
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
INVOCATION
F. Robert Davidson (Michigan)
National Chaplain

9:05 a.m. ADDRESS
Robby Dawkins, *National President*
The United States Jaycees

9:20 a.m. PRESENTATION AND AWARD
By: H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
To: Harold Russell, *Chairman*
The President's Committee on
Employment of People with Disabilities

9:30 a.m. PRESENTATION — EMPLOYER OF THE
YEAR
AWARDS FOR HIRING VETERANS
By: H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
To: Dan R. Bannister
President and Chief Executive Officer
DynCorp
Reston, Virginia
To: Paul V. Roundy, III
President and Chief Executive Officer
Burnside-Ott Helicopter Maintenance
Service Project
Milton, Florida

9:40 a.m. REPORT OF ECONOMICS
Employment and Veterans Preference
Other Economic Matters

9:55 a.m. ADDRESS
The Honorable Elizabeth Dole
Secretary of Labor

NOTE: The National Executive Committee will meet
within twenty-four (24) hours after close of the
Convention — upon call of the National Commander.

- 10:10 a.m. PRESENTATION — The American Legion Distinguished Service Award (1989 Recipient)
By: H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
To: The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Former United States Senator
State of Tennessee
- 10:25 a.m. ADDRESS
Diane Carlson Evans, R.N.
Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, Inc.
- 10:30 a.m. ADDRESS
General Richard G. Stilwell, USA (Ret.)
President, Stilwell Associates, Inc.
- 10:35 a.m. ADDRESS
Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF (Ret.)
President
Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc.
- 10:40 a.m. ADDRESS
The Honorable Donald D. Dapelo
Grand Exalted Ruler
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
- 10:55 a.m. REPORT OF FINANCE
- 11:10 a.m. REPORT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
- 11:30 a.m. INTRODUCTION — SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Newly Elected National Commander
- 11:35 a.m. ADDRESS
The Honorable Thomas J. Ridge (Pennsylvania)
Member, House Committee on Veterans Affairs
- 11:55 a.m. REPORT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION
Claims and Rating
Hospitals and Medical Services
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING DEPARTMENT — NATIONAL SERVICE TROPHY
By: H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
National Commander
- 12:55 p.m. REPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SALUTE TO COLORS
RECESS
- 9:05 a.m. ADDRESS
Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr., USN
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 9:35 a.m. REPORT OF NATIONAL SECURITY
Aerospace
Defense Civil Preparedness
Law and Order
Merchant Marine
Military Affairs
Naval Affairs
- 10:00 a.m. SPECIAL ADDRESS
The Honorable George H. Bush
President of the United States
- 10:30 a.m. PRESENTATION — THE AMERICAN LEGION FOURTH ESTATE AWARD
By: H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
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To: Mary Beth Pfeiffer
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- 10:40 a.m. PRESENTATION — CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM — NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO
By: H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (North Dakota)
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To: National Public Radio
Accepting: David Molpus, National Public Radio Senior
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- 10:45 a.m. ADDRESS
The Honorable Edward Rowny
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- 11:15 a.m. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE AND COLORS TO OUTGOING NATIONAL COMMANDER
By: Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
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By: John E. Davis (North Dakota)
Past National Commander (COLORS)
SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
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Administering the Oath of Office to the National Commander
Acceptance Speech by Newly Elected National Commander
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Presentation of Newly Elected National President of the American Legion Auxiliary
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The American Legion is now engaged in a battle to ensure these "unalienable Rights" are not trampled upon as the result of the Supreme Court decision on flag burning.

There are some who believe the Court's decision reinforces the strength of our laws, in that we can tolerate the most repugnant of acts and extend First Amendment protection to those who exploit the very laws that shield them. There are some who feel this decision proves that our flag is a political icon and nothing more.

That's how some people feel. The American Legion cannot afford to patiently listen to this nonsense about how it enriches our American heritage. Neither our Founding Fathers, nor members of Congress, nor anyone in the history of our republic ever intended that anybody should be allowed to burn the very flag that has been draped on the caskets of those who died to preserve all that it represents.

The American Legion is leading the fight to protect our Flag. We have invited the people of this great nation to join with us and go into their communities armed with a petition seeking adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America providing for the protection of our flag from physical desecration.

The citizens of America have responded in huge numbers. The first batch of petitions will be delivered to the U.S. Capitol demonstrating citizens widespread support for the constitutional amendment. As more and more petitions are collected, they will be delivered to statehouses from coast to coast.

On July 27, the House Judiciary Committee reported that it would recommend to the full House that its "Flag Protection Act of 1989" be adopted in September. The American Legion applauds Congress for trying to protect our flag, as long as what is done actually results in real protection. Simply stated, though, the "Flag Protection Act of 1989" does not afford that protection to Old Glory. That's why The American Legion supports a narrowly drawn constitutional amendment to achieve this end.

The only sure way to protect our flag is through the

adoption of a constitutional amendment. We have reached that conclusion because any new legislation would be struck down as unconstitutional on the same basis as the statute was in *Texas v. Johnson*, the decision that initiated this crisis.

We as veterans and most Americans would defend to the death a citizen's right to stand on a soapbox and exercise their freedom of speech under the law. We fought for freedom of speech and all of our other freedoms. No matter how repugnant the message might be, we would never be in favor of any actions that would deprive a citizen's right to freedom of speech.

However, we don't agree that it's right for someone to be able to burn our flag because they can't get an audience's attention in a civilized manner. Because there is nothing in the Constitution that specifically bans flag burning, the high court said that anyone has the right to do it. Moreover, that right extends not only to every misguided American, but also to any Iranian terrorist who wanted to insult our nation right on the steps of our own Capitol.

Congress must listen to the people of this great nation. "We the people" know full well that there is no conflict between revering the Bill of Rights and loving our flag enough to want to protect it.

We must take this opportunity to make sure Congress hears from us and our neighbors.

A special bank of telephones has been set up for National Convention delegates and their families to call their representatives on Capitol Hill and voice their position on the protection of our nation's living symbol. Only through our action will Congress get the message that a constitutional amendment is the only way to protect our flag.

During the 71st National Convention Parade here in Baltimore, The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of American Legion will demonstrate our love of country and our flag. American flags will be waving proudly in the breeze during this parade, demonstrating our desire to protect our flag from physical desecration.

We must be willing to express our true feelings that our flag must be protected to honor those brave men and women who sacrificed so others could enjoy the freedoms we share today. Now is the time to act, because to sit idly by would be to leave Old Glory unprotected.

The battle has begun. Don't let our flag be burned. Let your political expression be heard loud and clear. **STAND BY OUR FLAG!** ☐

The American Legion 71st National Convention

Meeting Room Assignments

Standing Commissions and Committees

Americanism Commission:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 301 — 300 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Americanism Screening Committee:

September 1, 9:00 a.m.
Room 302 — 300 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Commission on Children & Youth:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 303 — 300 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Constitution and By-Laws Committee:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Harbor Room I — 2nd Level
Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel

Convention Commission:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Board Room — 2nd Level
Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel

Distinguished Guest Committee:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 309 — 300 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Economic Commission:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 305 — 300 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Economic Screening Committee:

September 1, 9:00 a.m.
Room 304 — 300 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Emblem Committee:

September 2, 8:30 a.m.
Room 203 — 200 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Finance Commission:

September 2, 8:30 a.m.
Severn Rooms II & III — 2nd Level
Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel

American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Potomac Room — 3rd Level
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Foreign Relations Commission:

Joint Meeting with National Security Commission
September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 307 — 300 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Internal Affairs Commission:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 321 — 300 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Membership & Post Activities Committee:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 323 — 300 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Legislative Commission:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 319 — 300 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

National Security Commission:

Joint Meeting with Foreign Relations Commission
September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 307 — 300 Level
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Public Relations Commission:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 202 — 200 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Resolutions Assignment Committee:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 201 — 200 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

The American Legion Magazine Commission:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Harbor Room II — 2nd Level
Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission:

September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 310 — 300 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Screening Committee:

September 1, 9:00 a.m.
Room 306 — 300 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Pre-National Executive Committee

September 4, 10:00 a.m.
Harbor Rooms I & II — 2nd Level
Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel
Chairman: National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke

S.A.L. Meeting

**18th Annual Sons of
The American Legion Convention**

(Pre-N.E.C. Meeting)
September 1, 7:00 p.m.
Calvert Ballroom
Lord Baltimore Hotel

**18th Annual Sons of
The American Legion Convention**

(General Sessions)
September 2, 9:00 — 5:00
September 3, 8:00 — 2:00
Calvert Ballroom
Lord Baltimore Hotel

Reunions and Dinners

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BWI Airport Marriott Hotel
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Rooms
Sept. 1 — Salon E
Banquet — Grand Ballroom
September 1, 7:30 p.m.

Historians' and Founders'

Luncheon & Meeting
Stouffer Harborplace Hotel
Luncheon — Kent Room
September 2, 12:00 noon
Founders Meeting — Kent Room
September 2, 1:00 p.m.
(Immediately following lunch)

ANAVICUS

Army, Navy and Air Force
Veterans in Canada
Stouffer Harborplace Hotel
Breakfast Mtg. — Maryland Ballroom
September 3, 7:00 a.m.

National Organization of World War Nurses Reunion

Lord Baltimore Radisson Plaza Hotel
Hanover Suite B
September 3, 1:00 p.m.

FODPAL — Breakfast Meeting

Stouffer Harborplace Hotel
Maryland Ballroom - Salon B
September 4, 7:00 a.m.

National American Legion Press Association (NALPA)

Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel
Breakfast - Sassafrass Room
(Executive Board members only)
September 2, 8:00 a.m.
Meeting — Harbor Room II
September 3, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Banquet — Harbor Room I & II
September 4, 7:00 p.m.

Past Department Commanders Club

Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel
Luncheon — Chesapeake Ballroom
September 4, 12:15 p.m.

National Commander's Banquet for Distinguished Guests

Baltimore Convention Center,
Hall A
September 5, 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary

Baltimore Convention Center
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September 6, 7:30 p.m.

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Meetings of Convention Committees normally will be closed to all except committee members.

Americanism Convention Center

September 2, 9:00 a.m.

Room 301 — 300 Level

Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee

September 3, 9:00 a.m.

Room 305 — 300 Level

Counter-Subversive Activities Subcommittee

September 3, 9:00 a.m.

Room 301 — 300 Level

Youth Activities Subcommittee

September 3, 9:00 a.m.

Room 304 — 300 Level

Children & Youth Convention Center

September 3, 9:00 a.m.

Room 303 — 300 Level

Constitutional Amendments ... Convention Center

September 3, 9:00 a.m.

Room 319 — 300 Level

Credentials and Internal Matters Convention Center

Sections I & II

Credentials and Other Internal Matters

September 3, 9:00 a.m.

Room 321 — 300 Level

Membership

Section III

September 3, 9:00 a.m.

Room 323 — 300 Level

Economic Convention Center

Employment and Veterans Preference and Other Economic Matters

September 3, 9:00 a.m.

Room 317 — 300 Level

Emblem Committee Convention Center

September 3, 9:00 a.m.

Room 203 — 200 Level

Finance Sheraton Inner Harbor

September 2, 8:30 a.m.

Severn Rooms II & III - 2nd Level

Foreign Relations Convention Center

September 2, 1:00 p.m.

Room 308 — 300 Level

(All Subcommittee Rooms in Convention Center — Meetings at 1:30 p.m.)

Inter-American Affairs

Room 302 — 300 Level

Foreign Relations — Continued

European Affairs

Room 304 — 300 Level

African Affairs

Room 306 — 300 Level

Far Eastern Affairs

Room 311 — 300 Level

Middle Eastern Affairs

Room 313 — 300 Level

General Foreign Policy Meeting

Room 315 — 300 Level

Legislation & Rules Sheraton Inner Harbor

September 3, 10:00 a.m.

Harbor Room I — 2nd Level

National Security Committee ... Convention Center

September 4, 9:00 a.m.

Rooms 303 — 300 Level

(All Subcommittee Rooms in Convention Center — Meetings at 9:15 p.m.)

Military Affairs Meeting

Room 307 — 300 Level

General Security Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Room 307 — 300 Level

Aerospace Committee

Room 316 — 300 Level

Defense Civil Preparedness Committee

Room 318 — 300 Level

Law and Order

Room 312 — 300 Level

Merchant Marine Committee

Room 320 — 300 Level

Naval Affairs Committee

Room 322 — 300 Level

Resolution Assignment Committee Convention Center

August 31, 9:00 a.m.

Room 201 — 200 Level

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Convention Center

September 2, 9:00 a.m.

Room 310 — 300 Level

Claims & Ratings and Medical Services, Hospitals and Medical Services

(Joint Meeting)

September 3, 9:00 a.m.

Rooms 309 & 310 — 300 Level



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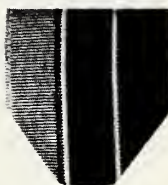
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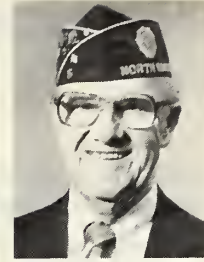
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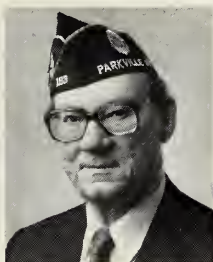
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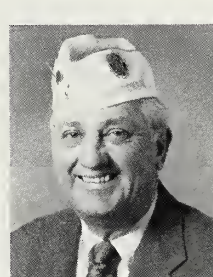
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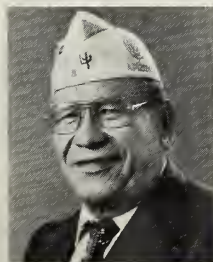
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Standing Rules of the National Convention

The following are the Standing Rules of the National Convention as contained in the "UNIFORM CODE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION," authorized under Article V, Section 6, of the National Constitution of The American Legion.

STANDING RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be the authority on parliamentary procedure, with the following modifications:
2. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention, shall rise, address the Chair as "Mr. Commander" and state his name and the name of the Department before proceeding.
3. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker.
4. Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to two hours except under special rule as the Convention shall adopt prior to debate.
5. But two delegates from any one delegation shall be permitted the floor on any one question. Where disagreement exists within a delegation one delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the question. Upon a division of the question, however, this rule shall be applied separately for each division.
6. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one question, except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention. Chairmen of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the reports of their committees. The Presiding Officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the Committee Chairman an opportunity for rebuttal.
7. Decisions on Rules of Debate or parliamentary order by the Presiding Officer may be subject to appeal by any two delegates under a Point of Order. Such appeal shall take precedence over any pending questions and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the Chair be sustained?"
8. When the poll of any Department Delegation is demanded by a delegate of such Department, the Convention Secretary shall poll the vote without discussion of the question being voted upon.
9. On the Roll Calls, the delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor and announce its vote.
10. In the event a delegation secretary is not an accredited delegate or alternate, he shall be seated with his delegation.
11. Past National Commanders' votes shall be cast with their delegations.
12. Only accredited delegates or their alternates, shall participate, directly or indirectly, in a viva voce vote on any subject before the Convention.
13. Department delegations may arrive at a vote in such manner as they choose, but shall announce it in terms of full units and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from his Department.
14. There shall be no unit rule of voting.
15. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a Roll Call is demanded by the Chairman of at least three Departments. Election of National officers shall be by roll call.
16. In the event a Department has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.
17. Prior to the election of National Officers, the National Commander shall appoint, subject to approval of the Convention, a Judge of Election and such number of tellers as he deems necessary, provided that the total tellers so appointed shall be an odd number. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one teller of his choice.
18. Nominations for National Officers shall be from the floor on Roll Call of the Departments alphabetically arranged. Each Department may present as many candidates as it chooses.
19. Nominating speeches for National Officers shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate, and said speeches shall be limited to three minutes.

20. When more than two candidates are nominated for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes of the Convention, except in the election of National Vice Commanders.

21. In a contested election for National Vice Commanders, balloting shall continue until (a) majorities and (b) pluralities are established for one or more candidates under the following provisions:

If, on any ballot taken, less than five candidates receive the necessary majority to elect, the candidate or candidates receiving a majority vote shall be declared elected and a new ballot shall be taken for the remaining number of places to be filled. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be disqualified; except should two candidates remain to fill one place, a new ballot shall be taken.

22. The Convention will nominate and elect a National Commander, and five National Vice Commanders, in this sequence.

23. At the conclusion of balloting on National Vice Commanders, each Department Delegation Chairman shall deliver a written ballot to the tellers. Such ballots shall be in the hands of the tellers before communication is made to the National Commander for announcement of the results.

24. Those recognized by the National Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the Chair

shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the Convention any one creating a disturbance or interfering with orderly procedure.

25. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing an alternate delegate from serving on a Convention committee.

26. The consent of two-thirds of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.

27. Any amendment to any resolution or report originating on the floor shall be presented in writing and transmitted to the Presiding Officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment.

28. Special rules applying to specific issues or order of business, shall be written and presented to the Convention by the Legislation and Rules Committee for adoption by majority vote at least one hour before such issue, or order, is to be considered unless such rule is agreed to by unanimous consent of the final session.

Special rules shall prevail only in the Convention adopting them.

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Patriotic Religious Service

Hall B - 100 Level
Baltimore Convention Center

Sunday, September 3, 1989 — 11:00 a.m.

Musical Prelude

Balladiers -
Parkville Post # 183 Maryland

Welcome

Terry L. Woodburn (IL),
Staff Liaison to the
National Chaplain

Presentation of Colors (Audience Standing)

Cheverly Troopers
Post #108, Maryland

Invocation (Audience Standing)

Rev. Jerry Salveson (ND),
Past National Chaplain,
The American Legion

Pledge of Allegiance (Audience Standing)

Call to Worship

William J. Murphy III (MA),
National Chaplain,
Sons of The American Legion

Musical Selection

Balladiers

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Father Anthony Dranginis (MD),
Department Chaplain,
The American Legion

Scripture: Psalms 139
William Chester (KY),
Department Chaplain,
The American Legion

Scripture: James 1:19-26
Alexa Randall (MD),
Department Chaplain,
American Legion Auxiliary

Hymn (Audience Standing)

"God Bless Our Native Land" (to the tune of
"America")

Memorial Prayer

Marion Heller (NJ),
National Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary

Musical Selection

Balladiers

Memorial Message

Rev. F. Robert Davidson (MI),
National Chaplain
The American Legion

Musical Selection

Balladiers

Placing of Memorial Wreaths (Audience Standing)

H.F. "Sparky" Gierke (ND), *National Commander*
Robert W. Spanogle (MI), *National Adjutant*
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Mrs. May Malone (FL), *La Secretaire Caissiere*
Eight and Forty

David R. Faust (WI), *National Commander*
Woodrow L. Mudge (CO), *National Adjutant*
Sons of the American Legion

Meditation (Audience Standing)

Taps (Audience Standing)

All Sing

"America The Beautiful"

Benediction

Retirement of Colors (Audience Standing)

Cheverly Troopers



The American Legion 1919-1988

Past National Commanders

*Franklin D'Olier
Pennsylvania 1919-20

**Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr.
Ohio 1920-21

***John G. Emery
Michigan 1921

*Hanford MacNider
Iowa 1921-22

*Alvin M. Owsley
Texas 1922-23

*John R. Quinn
California 1923-24

*James A. Drain
District of Columbia 1924-25

*John R. McQuigg
Ohio 1925-26

*Howard P. Savage
Illinois 1926-27

*Edward E. Spafford
New York 1927-28

*Paul V. McNutt
Indiana 1928-29

*O. Lee Bodenhamer
Arkansas 1929-30

*Ralph T. O'Neil
Kansas 1930-31

*Henry L. Stevens, Jr.
North Carolina 1931-32

*Louis Johnson
West Virginia 1932-33

*Edward A. Hayes
Illinois 1933-34

*Frank N. Belgrano, Jr.
California 1934-35

*Ray Murphy
Iowa 1935-36

*Harry W. Colmery
Kansas 1936-37

*Daniel J. Doherty
Massachusetts 1937-38

*Stephen F. Chadwick
Washington 1938-39

*Raymond J. Kelly
Michigan 1939-40

*Milo J. Warner
Ohio 1940-41

*Lynn U. Stambaugh
North Dakota 1941-42

*Roane Waring
Tennessee 1942-43

*Warren H. Atherton
California 1943-44

*Edward N. Scheiberling
New York 1944-45

*John Stelle
Illinois 1945-46

*Paul H. Griffith
Pennsylvania 1946-47

*James F. O'Neil
New Hampshire 1947-48

*Perry Brown
Texas 1948-49

George N. Craig
Indiana 1949-50

Erle Cocke, Jr.
Georgia 1950-51

*Donald R. Wilson
West Virginia 1951-52

*Lewis K. Gough
California 1952-53

*Arthur J. Connell
Connecticut 1953-54

*Seaborn P. Collins
New Mexico 1954-55

J. Addington Wagner
Michigan 1955-56

*Dan Daniel
Virginia 1956-57

John S. Gleason, Jr.
Illinois 1957-58

Preston J. Moore
Oklahoma 1958-59

Martin B. McKneally
New York 1959-60

William R. Burke
California 1960-61

*Charles L. Bacon
Missouri 1961-62

*James E. Powers
Georgia 1962-63

Daniel F. Foley
Minnesota 1963-64

Donald E. Johnson
Iowa 1964-65

L. Eldon James
Virginia 1965-66

John E. Davis
North Dakota 1966-67

William E. Galbraith
Nebraska 1967-68

*William C. Doyle
New Jersey 1968-69

J. Milton Patrick
Oklahoma 1969-70

Alfred P. Chamie
California 1970-71

John H. Geiger
Illinois 1971-72

Joe L. Matthews
Texas 1972-73

Robert E. L. Eaton
Maryland 1973-74

James M. Wagonseller
Ohio 1974-75

Harry G. Wiles
Kansas 1975-76

William J. Rogers
Maine 1976-77

Robert Charles Smith
Louisiana 1977-78

John M. Carey
Michigan 1978-79

Frank I. Hamilton
Indiana 1979-80

Michael J. Kogutek
New York 1980-81

Jack W. Flynt
Texas 1981-82

Al Keller, Jr.
Illinois 1982-83

Keith Kreul
Wisconsin 1983-84

Clarence M. Bacon
Maryland 1984-85

Dale L. Renaud
Iowa 1985-86

James P. Dean
Mississippi 1986-87

John P. "Jake" Comer
Massachusetts 1987-88

Past National Commanders By Vote Of National Convention

*Bennett Champ Clark
Missouri—Presided at Paris
caucus—March, 1919

*Milton J. Foreman
Illinois—Chairman, Execu-
tive Committee at Paris

*Henry D. Lindsley
Texas—Presided at St. Louis
caucus—May 1919

*Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
New York

*Eric Fisher Wood
Pennsylvania—Temporary
Chairman and Secretary at
Paris caucus

*Thomas W. Miller
Nevada—Chairman Pro
Tempore
Paris Caucus March 1919

*Maurice Stember
New York

Hamilton Fish, Sr.
New York 1979

E. Roy Stone, Jr.
South Carolina 1987

Honorary National Commanders

*General John J. Pershing
*Marshal Ferdinand Foch

*Deceased

**Killed in auto accident
while serving as
Commander

***Elected by Executive
Committee to fill unexpired
term.

Recipients of The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal

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| 1921—Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France
Adm. Earl Beatty of Great Britain
Gen. Baron Jacques of Belgium
Gen. Armando Diaz of Italy
Charles Bertrand of France | 1947—Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen
Sen. Edward Martin
Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson | 1967—Hon. Tom C. Clark |
| 1922—Gen. of the Armies John J. Pershing | 1949—President Harry S. Truman
George Herman (Babe) Ruth* | 1968—President Lyndon B. Johnson
Gen. William C. Westmoreland |
| 1923—Adm. Robert E. Coontz
Gen. Josef Haller of Poland | 1950—Charles F. Johnson, Jr.
Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord | 1969—President Richard M. Nixon |
| 1926—Ignace Jan Paderewski of Poland | Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers | 1970—Rep. Olin E. Teague |
| 1927—Comte Francois Marie Robert Dejean of France | 1951—Gen. Charles P. Summerall | 1971—Rep. L. Mendel Rivers*
Sen. Richard B. Russell* |
| 1928—Field Marshal Viscount Allenby of Great Britain | 1953—Rep. Royal C. Johnson* | 1972—Sen. John C. Stennis
Dewitt Wallace |
| 1929—Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis | 1954—Maj. Gen. George A. White* | 1974—Hon. Henry A. Kissinger
Rep. F. Edward Hebert |
| 1930—Adm. William S. Sims | 1955—Dr. Jonas E. Salk
Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh | 1975—Harry W. Colmery |
| 1942—Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur | 1956—Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone
Charles Stewart Mott | 1976—Pat O'Brien |
| 1943—Gen. George C. Marshall
Adm. Ernest J. King | 1957—Gen. Mark W. Clark
The Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen | 1977—Howard A. Rusk, M.D. |
| 1944—Hon. Frank Knox*
Henry Ford
Gen. H.H. Arnold | 1958—Bernard Mannes Baruch
Unknown Servicemen of World War I, World War II, and Korea, Interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery | 1978—Bowie K. Kuhn |
| 1945—President Franklin D. Roosevelt* | | 1979—Thomas A. Murphy |
| 1945—Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.*
Ernest (Ernie) Pyle*
Hon. Henry L. Stimson
Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz
Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower | 1959—Sen. Robert S. Kerr | 1980—President Gerald R. Ford
Dead & Missing of the Vietnam War |
| | 1961—President John F. Kennedy | 1981—Americans Space Shuttle Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen |
| | 1962—Gen. Lucius D. Clay
Dr. Thomas A. Dooley* | 1982—President Ronald W. Reagan |
| | 1963—Francis Cardinal Spellman | 1983—Adm. Hyman C. Rickover |
| | 1964—Dr. Charles W. Mayo | 1984—Sen. J. Strom Thurmond |
| | 1965—President Herbert C. Hoover*
Hon. James F. Byrnes | 1985—Hon. Caspar W. Weinberger
Fleet Adm. William F. Halsey, Jr.* |
| 1946—J. Edgar Hoover
Bob Hope
William Randolph Hearst
Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey
Hon. Cordell Hull | 1966—Capt. Roger H. C. Donlon | 1987—Hon. William H. Webster |
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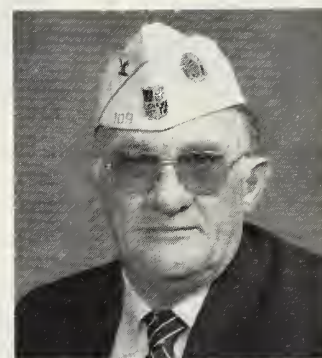
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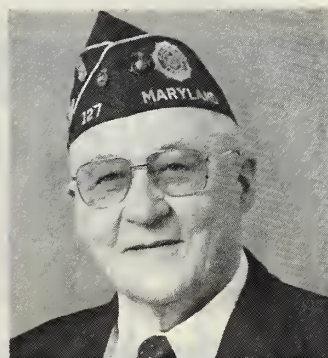
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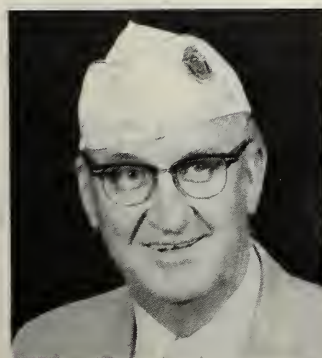
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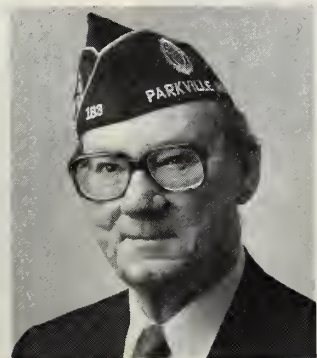
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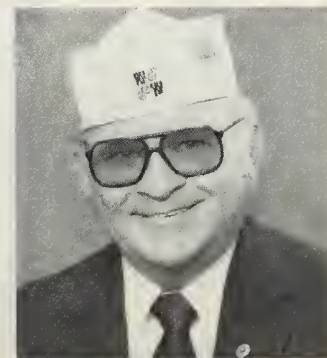
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The American Legion and the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division

Service to America's veterans and their families has been the primary concern of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program, since The American Legion's founding in 1919. A network of service officers extends from the local post through state level with Department Service Officers stationed in each of the 58 VA regional offices around the U.S., in Puerto Rico and the Philippines, to the staff of the Commission in the Washington Office of National Headquarters. These individuals stand ready to provide information and assistance in the development and presentation of claims for disability and death benefits, education and training, medical care, waiver of overpayments, and others. In addition, the Legion provides representation on appeals to the Board of Veterans Appeals, and in non-VA claims for upgrade of discharges or the correction of military records.

Legion representatives in Washington are at the same time, working with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Congress to protect, defend, and where necessary to seek improvements in the various programs of veterans benefits pursuant to the mandates approved by the National Convention and National Executive Committee.

Significant efforts have been focused on the issue of Agent Orange and other problems facing Vietnam veterans and their families this year. With the completion of The American Legion - Columbia University Vietnam Veterans Study, a sound scientific base has been established to advance the cause of Vietnam veterans who suffer disabilities as a result of exposure to Agent Orange. Presumptive service connection is being aggressively sought for specific diseases resulting from exposure to Agent Orange. The American Legion is also a key participant in the Agent Orange Class Assistance Program. On June 16, 1989, it was announced by officials of the Program that The American Legion had been selected to receive a grant. The Assistance Program was established by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York on July 5, 1988 as part of the plan to distribute funds to support special counseling and support services to meet the needs of Vietnam veterans and their families.

Development and funding of additional treatment programs for veterans suffering from PTSD is being actively pursued through legislative and administrative means. Emphasis is being placed on retention and recruitment of VA medical personnel through American Legion support of innovative recruitment programs, bonuses and special pay. In recognition of the current emphasis on outpatients and community based care programs, The American Legion volunteer efforts are being revitalized in order to develop new and innovative programs. The undertaking has been expanded to cover multiple areas of the VA medical care system. Expansion and funding of programs related to the aging veteran population programs, expansion of state nursing homes, domiciliaries and hospice programs are receiving priority attention. The American Legion - National Organization on Disability Joint Award Program has been implemented for the purpose of promoting innovation approaches to community oriented volunteer programs, through American Legion Posts.

The American Legion continues to work diligently in urging Congress and the Administration to provide additional funds for veterans medical care because of the severe funding shortfall that has developed as a result of several years of decremental funding of the program.



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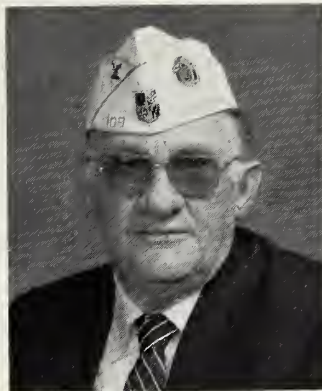
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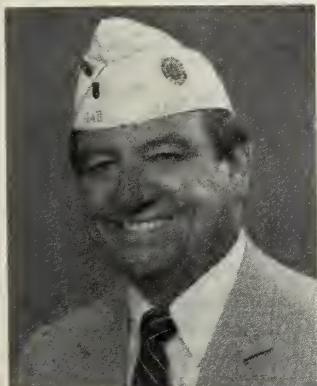
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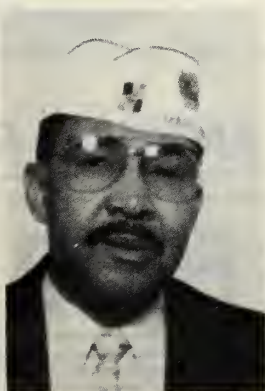
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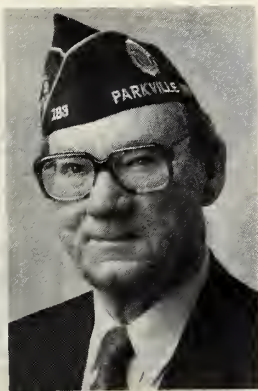
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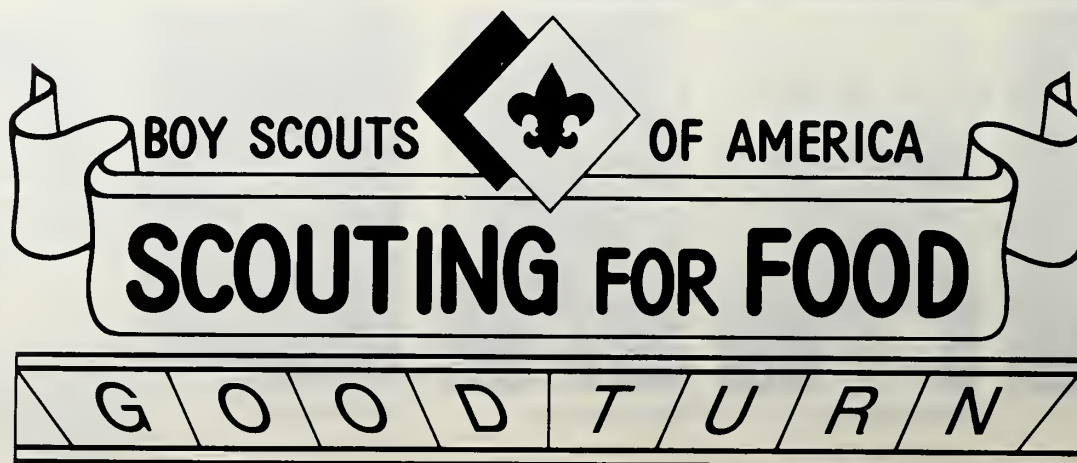
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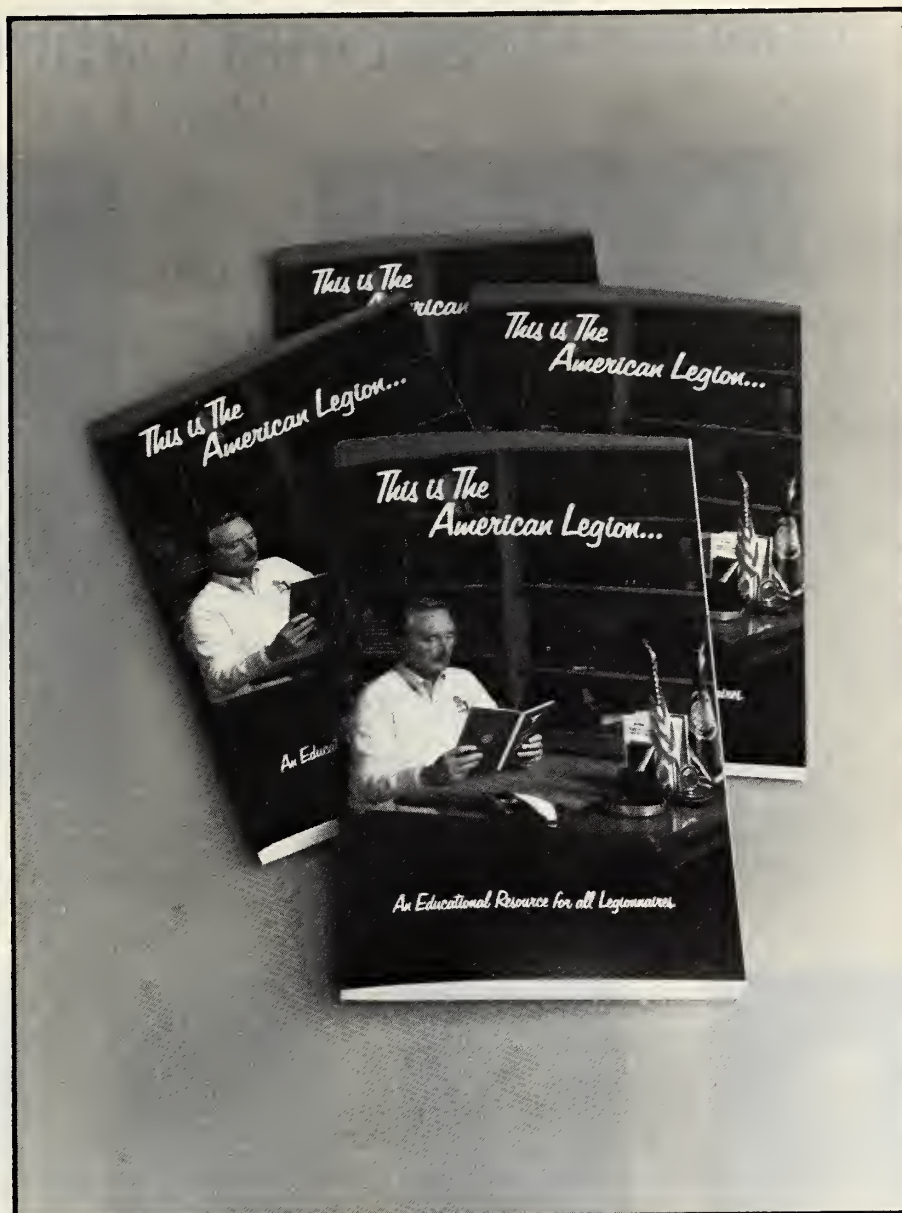
The new handbook differs from the extension institute. It is not designed as a course of study, but a resource book about The American Legion. The primary purpose of the new handbook is to educate, inform, and provide knowledge to the membership.

The cost for the handbook is \$3.00 for 1-5 copies; \$2.75 for 6-10 copies; \$2.50 for 11-25 copies; \$2.25 for 26-50 copies; and \$2.00 for more than 50 copies. Several departments have ordered the new handbook to provide information to new members of The American Legion and to help educate post, district, and department leaders.

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1989

Convention Session — Exhibit Hall D
Baltimore Convention Center

Baltimore, Maryland

“PRIDE”

Saturday, September 2, 1989

Pre-Convention Committee Meetings

8:30-11:00 a.m. (unless times noted below)

Group A	Americanism Foreign Relations Music National Security Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution	Constellation Ballroom A Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
Group B	Children & Youth Liaison w/Child Welfare Foundation Education Girls State	Constellation Ballroom B Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
Group C	Junior Activities Auxiliary Emergency Fund Cavalcade of Memories Public Relations	Constellation Ballroom C Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
Group D	Legislative Past Presidents Parley Poppy Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Constellation Ballroom D Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
Group E	Chaplains Community Service Historians	Constellation Ballroom E Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
Group F	Constitution & Bylaws Leadership Permanent Organization Rules	Constellation Ballroom F Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
Group G	Membership	Baltimore Room Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
Group H	Credentials 8:30-9:00 a.m. Department Secretaries Workshop, 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Annapolis Room Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor Annapolis Room Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
Group I	Resolutions 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Frederick Room Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
Group J	Finance	Columbia Room Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor

12:30-1:00 p.m.	National Junior Registration	Registration Area Chesapeake A & B Hyatt Regency Hotel, 3rd Floor
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Get-Acquainted Reception Juniors - ONLY	Pratt/Calvert Room Hyatt Regency Hotel, 3rd Floor
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Pages Meeting	Exhibit Hall D Baltimore Convention Center, 1st Floor
2:00-2:45 p.m.	National Junior Divisional Caucuses Central	Charles Room Hyatt Regency Hotel, 3rd Floor
	Eastern	Calvert Room Hyatt Regency Hotel, 3rd Floor
	Northwestern	Pratt Room Hyatt Regency Hotel, 3rd Floor
	Southern	Lombard Room Hyatt Regency Hotel, 3rd Floor
	Western	Camden Room Hyatt Regency Room, 3rd Floor
2:00-3:00 p.m.	National Executive Committee Meeting	Constellation Ballroom A Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
3:00-5:00 p.m.	National Junior Meeting	Chesapeake A & B Hyatt Regency Hotel, 3rd Floor
4:00-5:30 p.m.	Chorus Practice	Exhibit Hall D Baltimore Convention Center, 1st Floor
7:00-9:00 p.m.	National Junior Meeting	Chesapeake A & B Hyatt Regency Hotel, 3rd Floor
7:00-9:00 p.m.	National President Candidate's Reception	Constellation Ballroom A & B Hyatt Regency Hotel
7:00-9:00 p.m.	National Officers Candidates' Reception	Constellation Ballroom C-F Hyatt Regency Hotel

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Sunday, September 3, 1989

8:00-10:30 a.m.	DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES (Meeting w/Reception)	
	Central Division	Constellation Ballroom A Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
	Eastern Division	Constellation Ballroom E & F Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
	Northwestern Division	Maryland Suite Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
	Southern Division	Constellation Ballroom B Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
	Western Division	Constellation Ballroom C & D Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
9:00-12 Noon	National Junior Meeting	Chesapeake A & B Hyatt Regency Hotel, 3rd Floor
10:30-12 Noon	Chorus Practice	Exhibit Hall D Baltimore Convention Center, 1st Floor
11:00 a.m.	Patriotic Memorial Service	Exhibit Hall B & C Baltimore Convention Center, 1st Floor

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National Convention Parade — 2 p.m.

Monday, September 4, 1989
Opening Session — 69th National Convention—8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER	Mrs. Linda Newsome <i>National Convention Chairman</i>
OPENING PROCESSIONAL	
INVOCATION	Miss Marion Heller <i>National Chaplain</i>
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mrs. Phyllis Bachman <i>National Americanism Chairman</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Mrs. Adelene Smith
PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION	Mrs. Adelene Smith <i>National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman</i>
WELCOME	Mrs. Alice M. Galka <i>National President</i>

INTRODUCTIONS AND GREETINGS

The American Legion	Mr. Clarence M. Bacon, <i>President</i> The American Legion Convention Corporation of Maryland
	Mr. H. F. "Sparky" Gierke <i>National Commander</i>
	Mr. Robert Spanogle <i>National Adjutant</i>
Keynote Speaker	D. Scott Friedman <i>"The Best Way to Predict the Future is to Create It"</i>
American Legion Auxiliary	Mrs. Delores Coates <i>Department President of Maryland</i>
	Mrs. Linda Newsome <i>National Convention Chairman</i>
	Ms. Laura Toncray <i>Honorary National Junior President</i>

GREETINGS FROM THE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Pearl M. Behrend, *Junior Past National President*

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S PAGES

Mrs. Bonnie Brewer, *National Chairman of Pages*

Mrs. Audrey Pratt, *National Vice Chairman of Pages*

Mrs. Maria Galka, *Personal Page*

Mrs. Martha Daggy, *Personal Page*

Mrs. Maxine Gill, *Personal Page*

Mrs. Natalie Yasensky, *Personal Page*

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Credentials	Mrs. Sue Liford
Permanent Organization	Mrs. Nina Waichulis
Rules	Mrs. Ruth Roush

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Girls State	Mrs. Virginia Powers, <i>Chairman</i> <i>1989 Girls Nation President</i>
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PARADE OF NATIONS

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Recess - 11:30 a.m.

The American Legion Festival — 11:45 a.m.

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Tuesday, September 5, 1989 - 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Alice M. Galka, *National President*

INVOCATION

Miss Marion Heller, *National Chaplain*

INTRODUCTIONS AND GREETINGS

State of Maryland

The Honorable William D. Schaefer, *Governor of Maryland*

City of Baltimore

The Honorable Kurt L. Schmoke, *Mayor of Baltimore*

NOMINATION OF 1989-1990 NATIONAL OFFICERS

REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Secretary
National Treasurer
National Chaplain
National Historian

Mrs. Miriam Junge
Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield
Miss Marion Heller
Mrs. Anna Lee Griggs

First Reading of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

"Pride in America"

Americanism
Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution
Music

Mrs. Phyllis Bachman, *Chairman*
Mrs. Viola Schwarz, *Chairman*
Mrs. Barbara Gracely, *Chairman*

"Pride in America's Youth"

Children and Youth
Liaison w/Child Welfare Foundation
Education
Junior Activities

Mrs. Margaret Yankovich, *Chairman*
Mrs. Evelyn Starr, *Chairman*
Mrs. Helen Holcomb, *Chairman*
Mrs. Donna Light, *Chairman*

"Pride in Our Relations with Others"

Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Community Service
Foreign Relations
Leadership
Membership

Mrs. Corky Bradshaw, *Chairman*
Miss Elizabeth Stewart, *Chairman*
Mrs. Marg Dorn, *Chairman*
Mrs. Mary Gulya-Hindsley, *Chairman*
Mrs. Jeanette Ghetti, *Chairman*

Recess — 11:30 a.m.

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PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

Constellation Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor
11:45 a.m.

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1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Alice M. Galka, *National President*

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations

Mrs. Syble Deshotel, *Chairman*

"Heart of America Awards"

GREETINGS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Security

Linda Boone, *Chairman*

Mr. Charles T. Hagel, *USO World President*

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

"Pride in Our Veterans' Security"

Legislative
Poppy
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
Past President Parley

Mrs. Barbara Kranig, *Chairman*
Mrs. Mary Ellen Hearn, *Member*
Mrs. Ruby Paul, *Chairman*
Mrs. Pearl Behrend *Chairman*

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Recess — 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 6, 1989 - 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Alice M. Galka, *National President*

INVOCATION

Miss Marion Heller, *National Chaplain*

ELECTION OF 1989-1990 NATIONAL OFFICERS

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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs. Alice M. Galka

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GREETINGS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

"Pride in Our Past, Present and Future"

Cavalcade of Memories
Finance

Mrs. Maxine Bigalow
Mrs. June Stolte

"Pride in Building Our Future"

Constitution and Bylaws
National American Legion Auxiliary Chorus

Mrs. Adelene Smith, *Chairman*
Mrs. Adelene Smith, *Choral Director*

INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Recess — 11:30 a.m.

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1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Alice M. Galka, *National President*

GUEST SPEAKER

Emory Austin, *"Believing Is Seeing"*

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary Lou Chester, *Chairman*
Mrs. Marie Mahoney, *Vice Chairman*
Mrs. Ann Harrington, *Secretary*



Thursday, September 7, 1989

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Alice M. Galka, *National President*

INSTALLATION OF 1989-1990 NATIONAL OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF PIN AND RIBBON TO RETIRING NATIONAL PRESIDENT

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO RETIRING NATIONAL PRESIDENT

RETIREMENT OF NATIONAL COLORS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION



POST-CONVENTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
(Immediately following Convention Adjournment)
Constellation Ballroom A, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2nd Floor

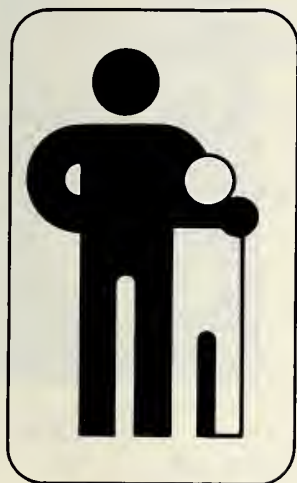
Office Assignments

National Secretary	Baltimore Convention Center, 1st Floor
National Treasurer	Baltimore Convention Center, 1st Floor
National Convention Chairman	Baltimore Convention Center, 1st Floor
Public Relations	Baltimore Convention Center, 1st Floor
First Aid	Baltimore Convention Center 100 Level, Next to Security, Charles Street
Lost & Found/Mail Room	Convention Registration Area Baltimore Convention Center, 2nd Floor

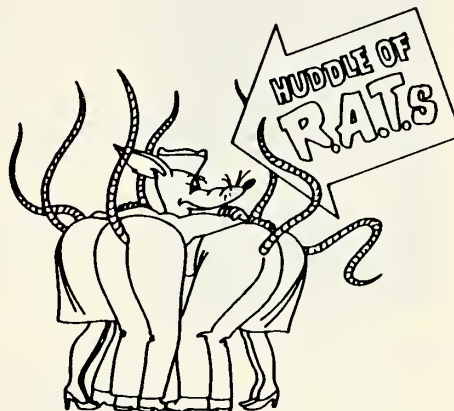
National Convention Committees

National Convention Chairman Linda M. Newsome	First Aid Thelma Gartska, <i>Chairman</i> Elsie Arnold, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Lost and Found Betty Mathias, <i>Chairman</i> Shirley McKay, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
National Convention Vice Chairman Rusty Nuth	Flag/Chorus Alexa Randall, <i>Chairman</i> Sylvia Reid, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Mail Room Lois Todd, <i>Chairman</i> Marie Walbert, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
National Convention Secretary Virginia Russ	Flowers/Corsages Doris League, <i>Chairman</i> Lucille Marsh, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	National Luncheon Rusty Beeg, <i>Chairman</i> Norma Kesting, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Commemorative Cup and Saucer Sales Mabel Messick, <i>Chairman</i> Barbara Mallonee, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Halls and Stage Ruth Miller, <i>Chairman</i> Pat Selepack, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Past Department Presidents' Luncheon Beth Johnson, <i>Chairman</i> Lynne Parker, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Courtesies to Distinguished Guests Anna Thompson, <i>Chairman</i> Sandi Dutton, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Information Rose Davenport, <i>Chairman</i> Diana Vigliato, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Public Relations Jean Weidman, <i>Chairman</i> Rosita Dietrich, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Distinguished Guests/Hospitality Roseanna Ford, <i>Chairman</i> Evelyn Piller, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Local Pages Audrey Pratt, <i>Chairman</i> Lois Smith, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	States Dinner and Decoration Committee Mildred Carawan, <i>Chairman</i> Martha Hetzer, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Divisional Caucuses Nancy August, <i>Chairman</i> Miriam Duvall, <i>Vice Chairman</i>		Transportation Peggy Varner, <i>Chairman</i> Millie Sudduth, <i>Vice Chairman</i>

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Mrs. Donald P. Still
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September 7, 8, 9, 1989

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Registration

Saturday, September 2, 1989	National Secretaire's Office	4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Monday, September 4, 1989	National Secretaire's Office	12 noon to 2:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, September 5, 1989	National Secretaire's Office	12 noon to 2:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 6, 1989	National Secretaire's Office	12 noon to 2:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Thursday, September 7, 1989	National Secretaire's Office	12 noon to 1:00 P.M.

Guest registration will also be accepted during these hours

Thursday, September 7, 1989

PRE-MARCHE POUVOIR	The Carroll Room	4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.
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Pre-Marche Committee Meetings

LIBERTY BALLROOM A		
Credentials — Chairman, Mrs. Patricia Olaker		2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Resolutions — Chairman, Mrs. Mille Harrold		2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Constitution & Bylaws, Chairman, Mrs. Lois Lansdale		3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
CARROLL ROOM		
Permanent Organization — Chairman, Mrs. Sena Buzinski		2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Children & Youth — Chairman, Mrs. Virginia Kates		2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
HOPKINS ROOM		
Rituals & Emblems — Chairman, Mrs. Betty Lou Thompson		2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Rules & Order — Chairman, Mrs. Eva Conboy		2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Handbook Review — Chairman, Mrs. Kathleen Robinson		3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
SCHAEFER ROOM		
Publicity — Chairman, Mrs. Bernice Trickey		2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.
L'Aumonier — Mrs. Dorothy Brady		2:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.
L'Archiviste — Mrs. Elsie Hemphill		3:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
LIBERTY BALLROOM B		
Nurses Scholarship — Chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Lori		2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.
Trophies & Awards — Chairman, Mrs. Devona Moran		2:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.
Partnership — Chairman, Mrs. Venita Holthaus		3:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Display and Emblem Sales National Secretaire's Office

Emblem Sales will be open in the La Secretaire Nationale Office on the Lobby Level at the same hours as Registration. However, it will be open on Thursday, September 7th from 10:00 to 12 noon, and on Friday, from 12 noon to 1:00 P.M. for the convenience of those who arrived only for La Marche Nationale. No further sales of emblem materials will be made after that time in order that they may be packed and made ready for shipment back to Miami. For inventory control purposes all orders must be accompanied by completed order form. Order forms will be placed in each convention packet and will also be available at Emblem Display. Partners must show current 1989 partnership cards in order to purchase emblem items. **Please Note: No Orders Will Be Taken At La Marche For Shipment After La Marche Nationale.** We will have as complete a selection of items at La Marche as possible but in the event that an item is out of stock no orders for later shipment will be taken.

Rehearsal Les Marchals and Pages

Rehearsal for La Concierge Nationale, Les Marchals, Chairman of Pages, ALL PAGES and Distinguished Guest committee will be on Thursday evening, September 7th at 6 P.M. in the LIBERTY BALLROOM.

Meet the Candidates Reception

Thursday, September 7, 1989 INTERNATIONAL A, B, C, 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Friday, September 8, 1989

DIVISIONAL CAUCUS BREAKFASTS — (Locations to be advised at La Marche). 7:00 A.M.

La Marche Nationale Liberty Ballroom

<p>OPENING SESSION Friday, September 8, 1989..... 9:00 A.M.</p> <p>LA MARCHÉ CHAIRMAN</p> <p>PRESIDING. Mrs. Nettie Murphy</p> <p>PRESENTATION OF CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Mrs. Harry Kehm</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Mrs. Charles Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. Herman Edwards</td> <td>Miss Julia Mullan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. Harvey Keefe</td> <td>Mrs. Herman Reimink</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. James Michelet</td> <td>Mrs. Elmer Martin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. Joseph Voit</td> <td>Mrs. Ronald Aichholz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. James Gleason</td> <td>Mrs. Harry Russell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. James DeForce</td> <td>Mrs. Wm. Staley, Sr.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miss Dorothy Dolle</td> <td>Mrs. Chris Schweitzer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. Lucien Landry</td> <td>Mrs. Joseph Mardu</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. Michael Suvak</td> <td>Mrs. Herbert P. Robinson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. Lawrence Hunt, Sr.</td> <td>Mrs. Chester Hayes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. Sherman Lansdale</td> <td>Mrs. Arthur V. Patterson, Jr.</td> </tr> </table> <p>PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS — ESCORTED BY LA MARCHÉ PAGES</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Hot Box Editor Mrs. Walter Bonham</td> <td style="width: 50%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>L'Avocate Nationale Mrs. Edwin H. Keefe</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>L'Archiviste Nationale Mrs. Thornton Hemphill</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>L'Aumonier Nationale Mrs. Paul Brady</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale . . Mrs. James C. Malone</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Eastern Division Mrs. Bernice Bergeron</td> <td style="width: 50%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Central Division Mrs. Yetta Irwin</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northwestern Division. Mrs. Marjorie Nelson</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southern Division Miss Helen McCormick</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Western Division. Mrs. Harry Stephens</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>CALL TO ORDER..... Mrs. Donald P. Still Le Chapeau National</p>	Mrs. Harry Kehm	Mrs. Charles Smith	Mrs. Herman Edwards	Miss Julia Mullan	Mrs. Harvey Keefe	Mrs. Herman Reimink	Mrs. James Michelet	Mrs. Elmer Martin	Mrs. Joseph Voit	Mrs. Ronald Aichholz	Mrs. James Gleason	Mrs. Harry Russell	Mrs. James DeForce	Mrs. Wm. Staley, Sr.	Miss Dorothy Dolle	Mrs. Chris Schweitzer	Mrs. Lucien Landry	Mrs. Joseph Mardu	Mrs. Michael Suvak	Mrs. Herbert P. Robinson	Mrs. Lawrence Hunt, Sr.	Mrs. Chester Hayes	Mrs. Sherman Lansdale	Mrs. Arthur V. Patterson, Jr.	Hot Box Editor Mrs. Walter Bonham		L'Avocate Nationale Mrs. Edwin H. Keefe		L'Archiviste Nationale Mrs. Thornton Hemphill		L'Aumonier Nationale Mrs. Paul Brady		La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale . . Mrs. James C. Malone		Eastern Division Mrs. Bernice Bergeron		Central Division Mrs. Yetta Irwin		Northwestern Division. Mrs. Marjorie Nelson		Southern Division Miss Helen McCormick		Western Division. Mrs. Harry Stephens		<p>ADVANCE OF COLORS La Concierge Nationale and Les Marchals</p> <p>INVOCATION Mrs. Paul Brady L'Aumonier Nationale</p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG La Concierge Nationale</p> <p>THE NATIONAL ANTHEM Musiciene and Assembly</p> <p>FLANDER'S FIELD Mrs. Harry Stephens Demi Chapeau Western Division</p> <p>AMERICA'S ANSWER Mrs. Bernice Bergeron Demi Chapeau Eastern Division</p> <p>ROLL CALL Mrs. James C. Malone La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale</p> <p>READING OF THE CALL TO 1989 LA MARCHÉ NATIONALE</p> <p>REPORT OF THE MINUTES COMMITTEE FOR THE 1988 MARCHÉ NATIONALE . . . Mrs. Vi Aichholz Mrs. Ann Suvak Mrs. Kathleen Robinson</p> <p>PRESENTATION AND GREETINGS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mrs. Herbert P. Robinson Distinguished Guest Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Escorted by Chapeaux Nationaux PASSES</p> <p>Mr. H.F. Gierke, <i>National Commander</i>, The American Legion</p> <p>Mrs. Ted Galka, <i>National President</i>, American Legion Auxiliary</p> <p>Mrs. William M. Calder, <i>National Vice President</i>, American Legion Auxiliary</p> <p>Mrs. Miriam Junge, <i>National Secretary</i>, American Legion Auxiliary</p>
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INTRODUCTION OF CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX
 PASSES Mrs. Donald P. Still
 Le Chapeau National

SPEAKING FOR THE CHAPEAUX
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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES
 Rules and Order Mrs. Eva Conboy
 Permanent Organization Mrs. Sue Buzinski

REPORT OF LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX
 NATIONAUX AND INTRODUCTION OF LES
 CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX
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NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1989-1990
 RECESS 12:00 Noon

Second Session La Marche Nationale Friday, September 8, 1989 — 1:30 P.M.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL Assembly
 PRESENTATION OF LOCAL MARCHE COMMITTEES Mrs. Nettie Murphy, Chairman
 REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND
 INTRODUCTION OF REGIONAL OR DIVISIONAL CHAIRMEN
 Children and Youth Mrs. Clarence Kates
 National Jewish Center for Immunology
 and Respiratory Medicine Mrs. Jacobe Foreman, Liaison
 GUEST SPEAKER Mr. Doug Lasky, Public Affairs
 Associate and Eight and Forty Coordinator
 Constitution & Bylaws Mrs. Lois Lansdale, Chairman
 Finance Mrs. Marie Smith, Chairman
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 Partnership Mrs. Venita Holthaus, Chairman
 Rituals & Emblems. Mrs. Betty Lou Thompson, Chairman
 Trophies & Awards Mrs. Devona Moran, Chairman
 Advisory Committee Mrs. Joseph Mardu, Chairman
 Special Handbook Committee Mrs. Herbert P. Robinson, Chairman
 Publicity Committee Mrs. Bernice Trickey, Chairman
 National Photo Book Committee Mrs. Sandy Jenkins, Chairman
 National Memory Book Committee. Mrs. Gertrude Clapp, Chairman
 RECESS

Third Session of La Marche Nationale Saturday, September 9, 1989 — 9:00 A.M. Memorial Service

In Memoriam Mrs. Paul Brady, L'Aumonier Nationale, Presiding
 Prelude Mr. Doug Lasky, Musiciene
 Processional Les Chapeaux Nationaux PASSES
 Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux
 Le Chapeau National
 Prayer Mrs. Paul Brady, L'Aumonier Nationale
 Concluding with "The Lord's Prayer". Assembly
 Musical Selection "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Assembly

Tribute to All Deceased Partners	Mrs. Donald P. Still Le Chapeau National
Tribute To All Partners Entering Eternal Rest During 1988-1989	
Eastern Division	Mrs. Bernice Bergeron — Response — Partners Eastern Division
Central Division	Mrs. Yetta Irwin — Response — Partners Central Division
Northwestern Division	Mrs. Marjorie Nelson — Response — Partners Northwestern Division
Southern Division	Miss Helen McCormick — Response — Partners Southern Division
Western Division	Mrs. Colleen Stephens — Response — Partners Western Division
Musical Selection "God Be With You 'til We Meet Again"	Assembly
Benediction	L'Aumonier Nationale
Recessional "Faith of Our Fathers"	Mr. Doug Lasky, Musiciene
(Please remain seated during the recessional)	
REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCHE COMMITTEES	
Credentials	Mrs. Patricia Olaker, Chairman
Resolutions	Mrs. Mille Harrold, Chairman
Eight and Forty Song	Assembly
ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1989-1990	
PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE	
PRESENTATION OF LES MARCHALS	Mrs. Grace Bartlett, Missouri Mrs. Gertrude Clapp, New Hampshire

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES

CHAIRMAN, May Fincham, Florida	Florette Michaud, Connecticut
VICE-CHAIRMAN, Clara Bray, New Jersey	Jo Britton, Oklahoma
Elizabeth Washington, Washington	Betty Gephart, Pennsylvannia
Katherine Lathrop, Vermont	June Gaul, Virginia
Eva Aulston, Alaska	Bernice Marcroft, Oregon
Betty Jane Yates, Arizona	Trudy Chisholm, Idaho

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES TO LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL

Personal Pages	June Daley, New Hampshire
Honorary Page To Chapeau National	Ethel Marsh, California
Personal Page To La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale	Mrs. Maxine Knott, Florida
Ratification Of Elections Of Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux Nationaux	
Introduction Of Les Demi Chapeaux And Pinning By Le Demi Chapeau Nationaux	
Report Of Judge Of Elections	Mrs. Edna Florence, Ill.
Presentation Of Newly Elected Officers For 1989-1990	
Unfinished Business	
"Bless be the Tie that Binds"	Assembly
RECESS	

Post Marche Pouvoir

Saturday September 9, 1989 immediately following close of morning session, in LIBERTY BALLROOM

School of Instructions	LIBERTY BALLROOM	3:00 P.M.
Mrs. James Malone, La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale, presiding		

Installation Banquet

La Marche Banquet	INTERNATIONAL A, B, C	7:00 P.M.
Processional of Guests		Mrs. Shirley Sult
Invocation		Mrs. Paul Brady, L'Aumonier Nationale
Pledge of Allegiance		La Concierge Nationale
National Anthem		Assembly
Welcome		Mrs. Nettie Murphy, National La Marche Chairman
Response		Mrs. Donna Baley, Le Demi Chapeau National
Installation of Officers 1989-1990		Mrs. William Staley, Sr. Chapeau National Passe
Presentation of Le Chapeau National Passe Pin		Mrs. Joseph Mardu
Chapeau National Passe		
Benediction		Mrs. William Staley, Sr. Chapeau National Passe
Retirement Of Colors		
Adjournment Of La Marche Nationale 1989		

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PERSONAL PAGE TO LA SECRETAIRE-CAISSIERE NATIONALE

Mrs. Maxine Knott, Florida

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Mrs. Edna Florence, Illinois

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Mrs. Jean McKenzie, Michigan
Mrs. Alene Hamm, Kansas
Mrs. Martha Marsh, Ohio
Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Massachusetts

CANDIDATE'S RECEPTION

Mrs. Arthur V. Patterson, Jr.
Le Chapeau National Passe

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Mrs. Nettie Murphy

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Sons of The American Legion



David R. Faust
National Commander



Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr.
National Adjutant

Agenda 18th Annual National Convention Baltimore, Maryland

National Vice Commander (East)
..... Henry Brew (NY)
National Vice Commander (South)
..... Kendal J. Hebert (LA)
National Vice Commander (Central)
..... Charles B. Rigsby (MI)
National Vice Commander (Midwest)
..... Gregory S. Nielsen (NE)
National Vice Commander (West)
..... Carlos Setterberg (UT)
National Assistant Adjutants —
..... Kervin Bradford (TX)
..... Carl Griffee (KS)
..... Wendell D. Gordon (NM)
..... Bo Crutchfield (GA)
National Chaplain..... William J. Murphy III (MA)
National Historian..... Harold E. Thompson (NE)
National Judge Advocate
..... Joseph Paviglianti (NY)
National Sergeant-at-Arms
..... Gary League (MD)
National Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
..... Clay Durham III (PA)
..... Roger Foster (TN)
..... David Heid (MN)
..... Wayne Hanes (TX)
..... Robin Pederson (AZ)
National Commander's Aide
..... Allen Faust (MD)

Friday, September 1, 1989

1:00 p.m. REGISTRATION of National Convention
Delegates and Alternates begins.
7:00 p.m. N.E.C. MEETING (Pre-Convention Meeting)
Call to Order — David R. Faust (WI),
National Commander
Hand Salute to Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation — William J. Murphy III (MA),
National Chaplain
Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of
The American Legion
Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO),
National Adjutant
Other Opening Business

REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS:

Americanism
Community Affairs
Finance
Internal Affairs
Legislative
Public Relations
Rehabilitation
Children & Youth
Unfinished Business
New Business
Good of the S.A.L.
Benediction — William J. Murphy III (MA),
National Chaplain

SESSIONS: All sessions, including those of the National Executive Committee, will be conducted in the Calvert Ballroom at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland.

REGISTRATION: National Convention Delegate and Alternate registration will be conducted in the Calvert Ballroom at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland.

Saturday, September 2, 1989

8:00 a.m. DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE REGISTRATION
OPENS
9:00 a.m. 18TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
Call to Order — David R. Faust (WI),
National Commander

Salute to the Colors
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation — William J. Murphy III (MA),
 National Chaplain
 Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of
 The American Legion
 Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO),
 National Adjutant
 Reading of Convention Call — Woodrow L.
 Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
 Opening Remarks — David R. Faust (WI),
 National Commander
 Establishment of Convention Committees
 Report of Credentials Committee
 Report of Legislative and Rules Committee
 Salute to the Colors
 Recess for Committee Meetings

1:00 p.m. RECONVENE — David R. Faust (WI), National
 Commander

Salute to the Colors
 Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO),
 National Adjutant
 (Note: During the Convention session,
 various addresses will be delivered)
 REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
 Henry Brew (NY), National Vice Commander
 (East)
 Kendal J. Hebert (LA), National Vice
 Commander (South)
 Charles Rigsby (MI), National Vice
 Commander (Central)
 Gregory Nielsen (NE), National Vice
 Commander (Midwest)
 Carlos Setterberg (UT), National Vice
 Commander (West)
 Special report from Mr. Edward Rose,
 Director VAVS, Department of Veterans
 Affairs

REPORTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Credentials — Preliminary Report
 Americanism
 Constitutional Amendments
 Finance
 Internal Affairs
 Legislative & Rules
 Membership
 Rehabilitation
 Presentation of National History Contest
 Awards
 Harold Thompson (NE), National
 Historian
 Report of Credentials Committee — Final
 Presentation of Child Welfare Report and
 Awards
 Presentation of Community Scrapbook
 Award

Sunday, September 3, 1989

7:00 a.m. REGISTRATION OPENS

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION CLOSSES

RECONVENE — David R. Faust (WI), National
 Commander

Salute to the Colors
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation — William J. Murphy III (MA),
 National Chaplain
 Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO),
 National Adjutant
 National Convention Memorial Service
 William J. Murphy III (MA), National
 Chaplain
 Report of Credentials Committee — Final
 Report
 Special Order of Business
 — Election of National Officers
 — National Commander
 — National Vice Commanders (5)
 — National Chaplain
 Installation of Newly Elected National
 Officers
 Benediction — William J. Murphy III (MA),
 National Chaplain
 Retirement of Colors
 Final Adjournment — David R. Faust (WI),
 National Commander
 N.E.C. Meeting — Post Convention Meeting
 (following conclusion of National
 Convention)
 Call to Order — Newly Elected National
 Commander
 Salute to the Colors
 Invocation — Newly Elected National
 Chaplain
 Roll Call — National Adjutant
 Confirmation of Appointed National Officers
 Appointment of Special NEC Committees
 New Business
 Unfinished Business
 Benediction — Newly Elected National
 Chaplain
 Adjournment — Newly Elected National
 Commander

2:00 p.m. PARADE

Past National Commanders

1968..... Michael Seaton (CA)
 1969..... Robert McBride (OH)
 1970..... J.R. Stillwell (IL)
 1971..... J.R. Stillwell (IL)
 1972..... John Smolinsky (MA)
 1973..... Robert Faust (CA)
 1974..... James Hartman (MD)
 1975..... Gregory Reis (IL)
 1976..... Grant Jamieson (MI)
 1977..... Charles Gannon (MD)
 1978..... John M. Sherrard (CA)
 1979..... Richard Kepler (TN)
 1980..... Ernest Wilson (NJ)
 1981..... Donald Wilson (PA)
 1982..... David P. Stephens (IN)
 1983..... Christopher R. Cerullo (NY)
 1984..... Fred Hartline (OH)
 1985..... Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO)
 1986..... Royce Doucet (LA)
 1987..... Douglas Bible (MN)
 1988..... Richard L. League (MD)

The American Legion Salutes the National Economic Commission's 1988 Employer of the Year Award Winners

Small Category
200 or fewer employees

DynCorp
Fort Campbell Operations
Clarksville, Tennessee

Large Category
more than 200 employees

Burnside-Ott Helicopter Maintenance Services Project
N.A.S. Whiting Field
Milton, Florida

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Learning & Liberty: Our Roots, Our Future

American Education Week
November 12-18, 1989
THE AMERICAN LEGION

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American Education Week materials for 1988, produced by the National Americanism Division, have been made available to your Department Adjutant. This year's material consists of a revised brochure. A camera ready "ad slick" will be printed in ALNS several times this fall.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK BROCHURE CONTAINS SUGGESTIONS FOR:

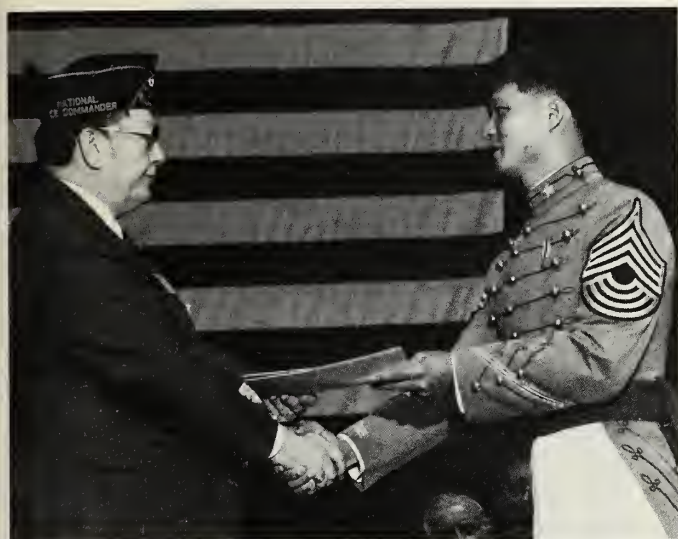
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The American Legion Salutes Outstanding Students at Military Academeis, 1989



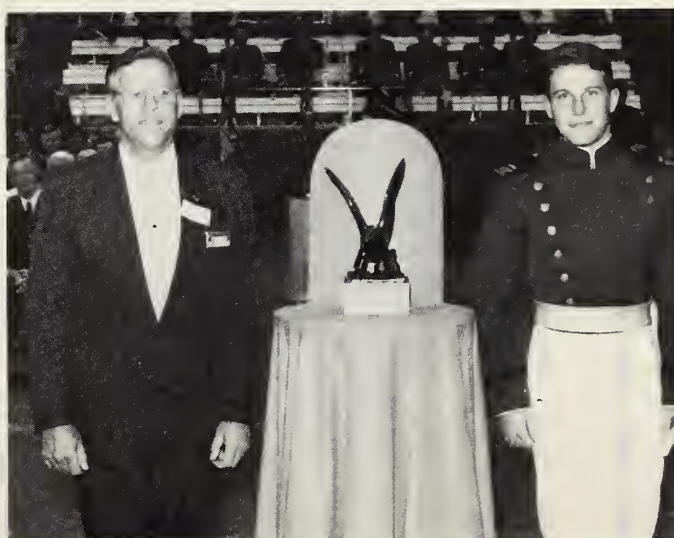
At the U.S. Military Academy, Cadet Hon S. Pak receives The American Legion's award for outstanding achievement in chemistry. The award is presented by National Vice Commander Thomas L. Gable of Ohio.



Graduating Midshipman Devon Marjorie Burr of Washington DC who stood highest at the Naval Academy in political science courses with emphasis on international relations received the award from The American Legion. The award was presented by National Vice Commander Harvey Holcomb of Texas.



The American Legion's award for excellence in athletics was presented to Erik S. Anderson of Estes Park, CO and Susan L. Gregg of Verona, PA. The awards were presented during the Awards Ceremony held at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.



Cadet Firstclass (senior) Kenneth Plaks of Moorpark, CA., received The American Legion's General Muir S. Fairchild award. This award is presented to the cadet who achieved the highest scholastically academic grade. Cadet Plaks maintained a 4.084 grade point average. The award was presented by National Vice Commander Ray G. Smith, Sr. of North Carolina.

The American Legion National Emblem Sales

Legion Display Convention Center

Pratt Street Lobby
Opening at 9 A.M. Daily
earlier during sessions
Friday, September 1 through
Thursday, September 7

Auxiliary Display Convention Center

Sharp Street Lobby
Opening at 9 A.M. Daily
Friday, September 1 through
Wednesday, September 6

FLAGS FOR SALE * * * * SPECIAL PRICES

Both locations will have a wide selection of American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary merchandise, National Convention memorabilia and gifts.

BOTH LOCATIONS WILL BE SELLING THE 1989 NATIONAL CONVENTION DECANTER.



National Rifle Association

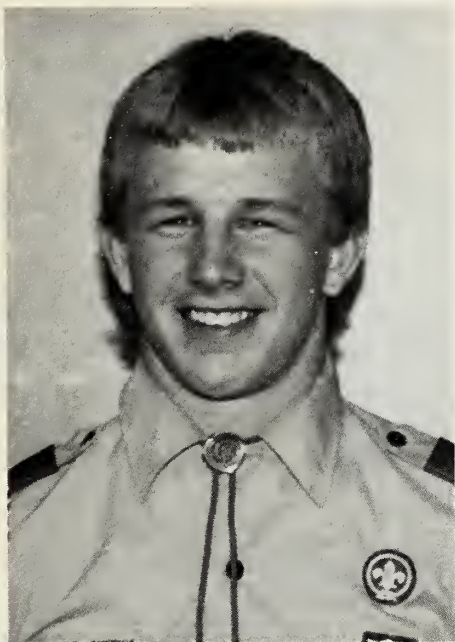
salutes

The American Legion

*for its leadership
in providing firearms safety
education and marksmanship
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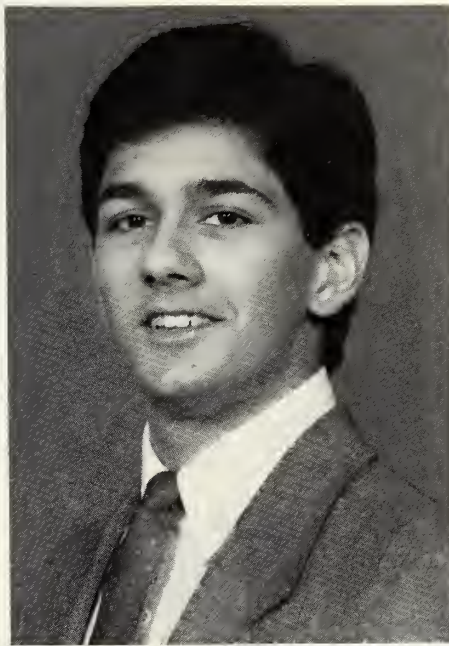
Youth Leaders Attend Convention

Scouts



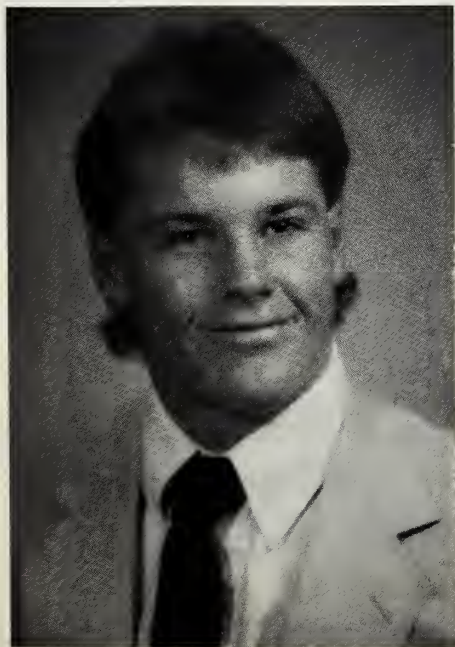
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Scout of the Year

Oratorical



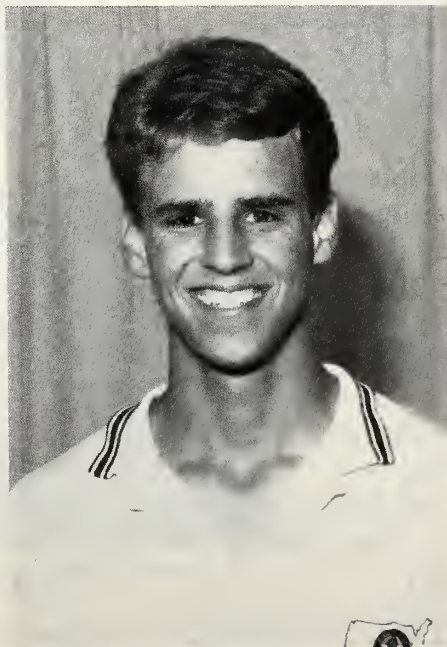
Martin T. Kelly, Jr.
Hydes, Maryland
National Oratorical Contest

Baseball



Mike Kessler
Cincinnati, Ohio
Player of the Year

Boys Nation



Thomas C. Workman
Bexley, Ohio
Boys Nation President

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1989 National Leadership Workshops

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Come along and be a part of more than 4,000 dedicated Legionnaires and Auxiliary members joining together for a common purpose. Learn and share important information about major programs of our organization(s) — Americanism, Children & Youth, Membership, Public Relations, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

You can have an active role in programs that will achieve results and accomplishments of lasting benefit to your communities, states, and Nation.

So don't be one of those who wished they had acted. We know from your support of our great organization that you care about your fellow veterans, about the continued strength of our national security, and about the quality of life in our nation. So become a doer rather than a spectator — join us this fall and be a part of the "heartbeat of America."

REGION 1 — October 27-29
Springfield Marriott
Vernon and Columbus Avenues
P.O. Box 15729
Springfield, Mass. 01115-5729
(413) 781-7111
Rates: \$74 Single, \$79 Double

REGION 2 — October 6-8
Ramada Renaissance
Three Tower Center Blvd.
East Brunswick, N.J. 08816
(201) 828-2000
Rates: \$60 Single or Double

REGION 3 — September 15-17
Sheraton-Charleston Hotel
170 Lockwood Dr.
Charleston, S.C. 29403
(803) 723-3000
Rates: \$54 Single or Double

REGION 4 — September 29-October 1
Hilton Inn West
W. Interstate 40 at Meridian Ave.
Oklahoma City, Okla 73108
(405) 947-7681
Rates: \$37 Single or Double

REGION 5 — October 27-29
Radisson Plaza Hotel (Near Detroit)
1500 Town Center
Southfield, Mich. 48075
(313) 827-4000
Rates: \$59 Single or Double

REGION 6 — September 22-24
Lincoln Hilton
141 North 9th Street
Lincoln, Neb. 65808
(402) 475-4011
Rates: \$36 Single, \$46 Double

REGION 7 — October 6-8
Bally's Casino Resort
Attn: Room Reservations
2500 East Second Street
Reno, Nevada 89595
(800) 648-5080
Rates: \$66 Single or Double

REGION 8 — September 29-October 1
Holiday Inn & Convention Center
1701 Sheridan Avenue
Cody, Wyo. 82414
(307) 587-5555
Rates: \$40 Single or Double

Make your reservations early and plan to attend a National Leadership Workshop this fall.

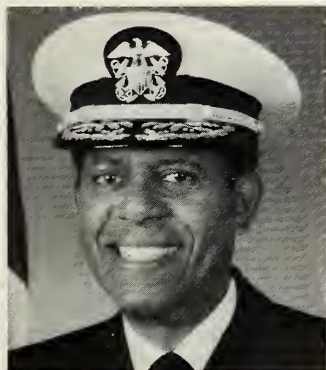
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Grand Marshal



Adm. Paul Yost, Jr., USCG
Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard (G-C)

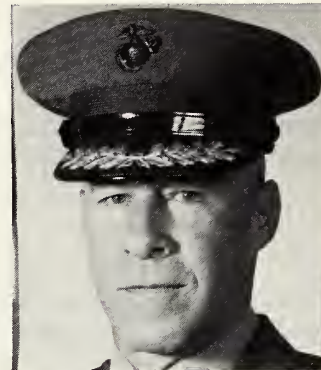
Deputy Grand Marshals



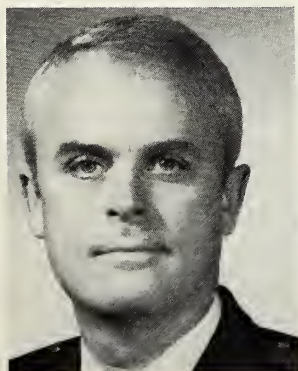
R. Adm. Walter J. Davis
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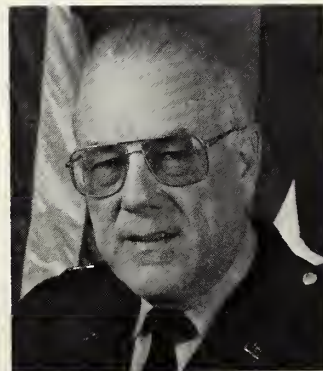
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USA



B. Gen. James M. Myatt
USMC



B. Gen. Wm. B. Davitte
USAF

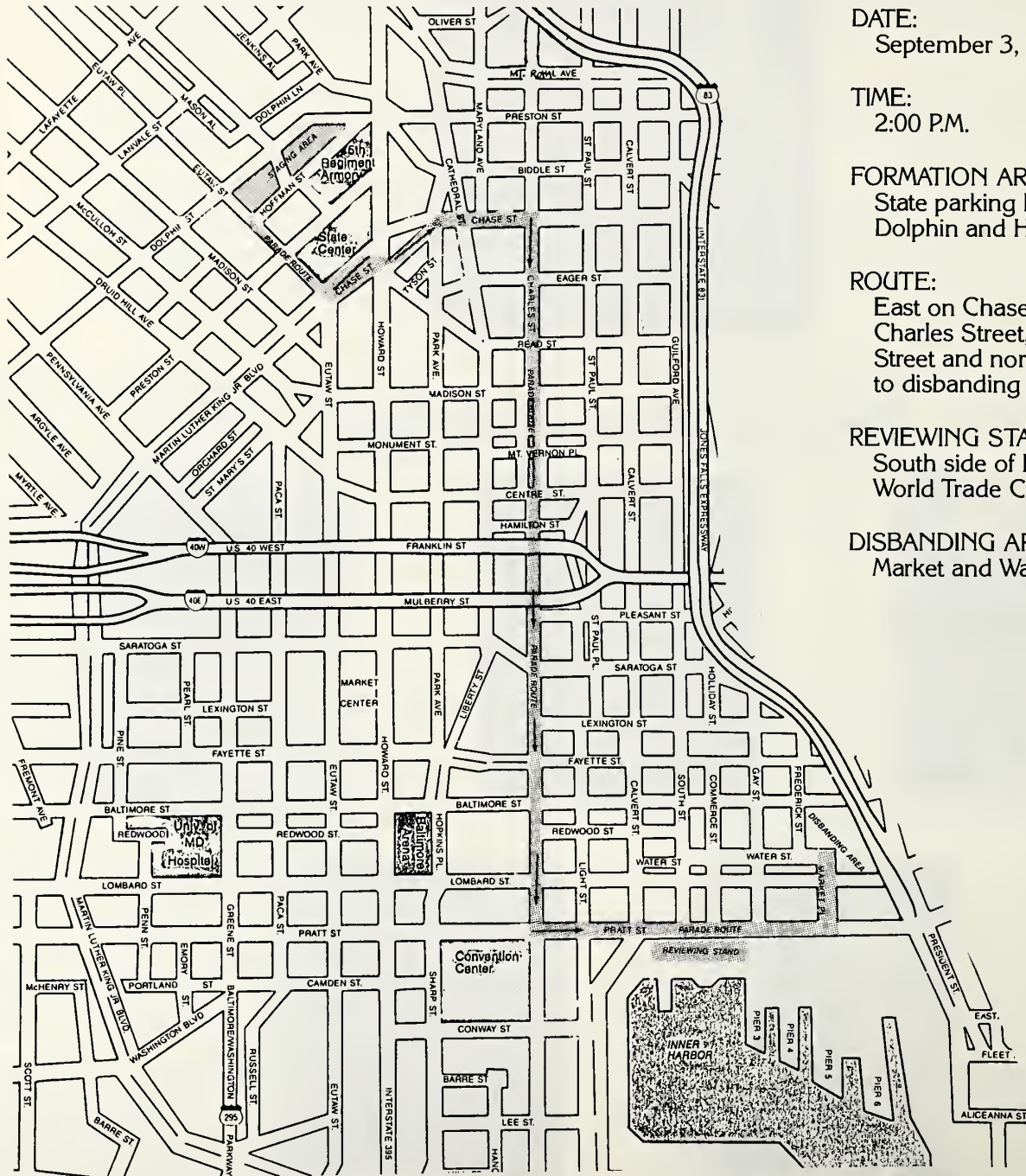


M. Gen. James F. Fretterd
MD ANG

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Parade Information

The American Legion 71st National Convention Baltimore, Maryland



DATE:
September 3, 1989

TIME:
2:00 P.M.

FORMATION AREA:
State parking lots between
Dolphin and Hoffman Streets

ROUTE:
East on Chase Street, south on
Charles Street, east on Pratt
Street and north on Market Street
to disbanding area

REVIEWING STAND:
South side of Pratt Street at the
World Trade Center

DISBANDING AREA:
Market and Water Streets

Parade Order

The American Legion National Convention Parade

Sunday, September 3, 1989

2:00 P.M.

HONORARY MARSHAL

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke
Office of the Mayor
250 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202

GRAND MARSHAL

Admiral Paul Yost, Jr., USCG
Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard (G-C)
2100 Second Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20593-0001

HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL

John P. "Jake" Comer
45 Lancaster Street
Quincy, MA 02169

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS

Maj. General George H. Akin, USA
Commander, United States Army Test
and Evaluation Command
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD
21005

Rear Adm. Walter J. Davis, USN
Commandant, Naval District of
Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, DC 20374-2002

Brig. General Wm. B. Davitte, USAF
Special Assistant, Strategic Mod.
SAF-AQQ-A
Pentagon, Washington, DC
20330-5040

Brig. General James M. Myatt, USMC
Dir., Manpower, Plans & Policy Division
Manpower Department
Washington, DC 20380-0001

Maj. Gen. James F. Fretterd
The Adjutant General
State of Maryland Military Dept.
Fifth Regiment Armory
Baltimore, MD 21201-2288

PARADE CHAIRMAN

Robert Redyk
225 Nanticoke Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21221

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COORDINATOR

Lt. Commander David G. Westerholm, USCG
Commandant (G-CP-3)
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters
2100 Second St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20593-0001

Parade Order

The official parade of the 71st National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by instructions contained herein together with the Organization and March Timetable and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map which are made a part hereof.

1. TIME:

- (All times in these orders are Eastern Daylight Time.)
- (A) The leading element of the parade will move from the "Initial Point," (Eutaw and Chase Streets) promptly at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, September 3, 1989, regardless of weather.
 - (B) The time and place of assembly for each Department or element of the parade will be shown in detail on the Organization and March Timetable, a copy of which has been sent to each Department Parade Chairman. **A Meeting of all Department Parade Chairmen will be held at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, September 2, 1989, in Room 309 of the Baltimore Convention Center.**
 - (C) A Parade Official will direct Departments and elements of the parade to their assigned assembly area. He will advise all bus drivers of the route to follow to the disbanding area.
 - (D) Because of the nature of the assembly area, accurate logistics are essential. **Promptness in arrival at the assembly area is mandatory.**

2. ROUTE:

Commencing at Eutaw Street to Chase Street, South on Charles Street, East on Pratt Street and North on Market Street.

3. ASSEMBLY AREA:

- State Parking lots between Dolphin and Hoffman Streets beginning at Eutaw St.
- (A) Recommended Walking Area — For those who will walk to the Assembly Area — Proceed west on Pratt Street, North on Charles Street to Chase Street.
 - (B) Additional instructions for each Department will be furnished by the Parade Committee at the meeting of the Department Parade Chairmen on Saturday, September 2.
 - (C) **FLOAT ASSEMBLY AREA WILL BE ANNOUNCED.**

4. ORGANIZATION:

- (A) All elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of the Parade Officials. The composition of these Divisions, order of march and time and place of assembly is shown on the Organization and March Timetables and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map supplied to the Department Parade Chairman.
- (B) All Department of Defense Units will be governed by applicable regulations.
- (C) Each Department Commander or appointed parade representative will be responsible for the order of march and promptness of arrival at the assembly area of all units of his Department. All units will conform to the following distribution and formation:
 - (1) **MASSED COLORS:** eight (8) abreast
All American Flags, the Department and Post Colors of each Department and the Department and Unit Colors of each Department of the Auxiliary will be massed at the head of each Department Delegation in that order.
 - (2) American Legion units within Departments will march in formation eight (8) abreast, one and one-half yards between ranks.
 - (3) **BANDS AND DRUM CORPS:** As directed by Drum

Majors, but not to exceed eight (8) abreast.

- (4) Authorized floats and automobiles in single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed to participate. **All vehicles participating in the parade must be equipped with identifying signs on sides thereof and must also carry an "OFFICIAL CAR" Sticker on the windshield.**
- (5) **Absolutely NO maneuvers except for a forward movement.** Marching units, bands, Color Guards and Drill Teams must abide by this regulation.

(D) DISTANCES:

- (1) Between Divisions 30 yards
- (2) Between Departments 20 yards
- (3) Between elements of a Department 10 yards

5. DISBANDING AREA:

Market Street from Pratt Street to Water Street.

6. OFFICIAL REVIEWING STAND:

The official Reviewing Stand will be located on the south side of Pratt Street in front of the World Trade Center.

Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the Reviewing Stand (eyes right).

7. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS:

- (A) Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Convention Commission at Miami Beach on March 12, 1970, there will be no participation of any vehicles, equipment or items of wearing apparel of the 40 et 8. This regulation will be enforced by the Parade Committee of the 1989 Convention Corporation.
- (B) With exception of police, military and naval escort, and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to the members of The American Legion and the uniformed bodies of The American Legion Auxiliary, subject to restriction of the following activities which shall be prohibited in the line of march:
 - (1) The drinking of or simulated drinking of intoxicants.
 - (2) Participants under the influence of intoxicants.
 - (3) Use of water pistols and electric shocking devices.
 - (4) Female impersonators.
 - (5) Firecrackers and any other explosives.
 - (6) Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste.
 - (7) Distribution of souvenirs, promotional or advertising materials, either from floats or by marching units.
- (C) Violators of any of the above rules will be dismissed from the parade immediately.

8. FIRST AID STATIONS:

First Aid Stations will be established in the assembly area and at intervals along the line of march.

9. PARKING OF CHARTERED OR POST BUSES:

After unloading at the assigned area, buses will proceed to the assigned disbanding area. Parade Officials will direct marchers to their parked bus or buses. **(Personal belongings and all equipment must be removed from the buses when unloading at the assembly area.)**

March Order

ESCORT DIVISION — Assemble at Eutaw and Chase Streets
Assemble at 1:15 P.M. in Area A — Departure at 2:00 P.M.

- A. Baltimore Police Escort
- B. Mounted Unit — Baltimore Police Department
- C. Baltimore Fire Department
- D. Maryland State Police Color Guard
- E. Honorary Marshal — Mayor Kurt Schmoke
- F. Grand Marshal — Admiral Paul Yost, Jr., USCG
- G. Honorary Grand Marshal — John P. "Jake" Corner, Past National Commander
- H. Deputy Grand Marshals
- I. United States Army
U.S. Army Color Guard — Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD
1st Army Band — Fort Meade, MD
Maryland Army National Guard
1-175th Infantry Color Guard — Baltimore, MD
Troop A — 158th Cavalry HMMWV Scout — Annapolis, MD
Troop C (Air Cavalry) 158th Cavalry OH-6 Observation Helicopter — Edgewood, MD
29th Infantry Division Light Band — Roanoke, VA
Infantry Squad — 1-175th Infantry — Baltimore, MD
Historical Group — 158th Cavalry — Annapolis, MD
Radio Van — 129th Signal Battalion — Pikesville, MD
Ambulance — 104th Medical Battalion — Catonsville, MD
Engineer Equipment — 121st Engineers Battalion — Ellicott City, MD
M.P. Vehicles — 29th Military Police Company — Towson, MD
- J. United States Marine Corps
USMC Color Guard — Marine Corps Combat Division Command
Quantico Marine Corps Band
- K. United States Navy
USN Color Guard — Washington Navy Yard — Washington, DC
USN Honor Guard — Washington Navy Yard — Washington, DC
- L. United States Air Force
USAF Color Guard — Bolling AFB — Washington, DC
USAF Honor Guard — Bolling AFB — Washington, DC
- M. United States Coast Guard
USCG Color Guard — Washington, DC
USCG Ceremonial Honor Guard — Washington, DC
USCG Band — New London, CT

DIVISION I — Assemble at Eutaw and Chase Streets

Assemble at 1:45 P.M. in Area B

1. American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264 — Tonawanda, NY
2. Cheverly Troopers American Legion Post 108 — Cheverly, MD
3. National Commander
4. National Officers
5. National President
6. National Secretary
7. Junior Auxiliary
8. North East High School Blue Crew Marching Band — North East, MD
9. Past National Commanders
10. Society of The American Legion Founders
11. The American Legion Youth Award Winners
12. Sons of The American Legion
13. Cambridge South Dorchester High School Band — Cambridge, MD
14. Foreign and Outlying Departments
Mexico
Puerto Rico
Canada
Philippines
15. Kenwood High School Band — Baltimore, MD
Foreign and Outlying Departments (continued)
Hawaii
France
Panama
Italy
16. District of Columbia
ALL COLOR GUARDS WILL MARCH WITH THEIR DEPARTMENTS

DIVISION II — Assemble at Eutaw and Chase Streets

Assemble at 2:15 P.M. in Area A

17. Minnestoa Ninth District Band
18. Minnestoa
19. Monticello High School Band, MN
20. South Dakota
21. Iowa
22. Kansas
23. Edwin L. Jones Post 91 — Oconomowoc, WI
24. Wisconsin
25. Nebraska
26. North Dakota State Legion Band
27. North Dakota

DIVISION III — Assemble at Eutaw and Chase Streets

Assemble at 2:45 P.M. in Area B

28. Ohio
29. Damascus High School Marching Band, Post 171 sponsor
30. Vermont
31. Brazil American Legion Band Post 2 — Brazil, IN
32. Indiana
33. Indianapolis Motorcycle Drill Team — Indianapolis, IN
34. Kenne American Legion Band — NH
35. New Hampshire
36. Hudson Post No. 48 Band — NH
37. Delaware
38. New Mexico
39. Westminster Municipal Band, MD
40. Louisiana

DIVISION IV — Assemble at Eutaw and Chase Streets

Assemble at 3:15 P.M. in Area A

41. Harry F.W. Johnson Post 379 American Legion Band — Bethlehem, PA
42. Pennsylvania
43. Archer Epler Memorial Post 979 Drum and Bugle Corps — Upper Darby, PA
44. Kentucky
45. John A. Holmes High School Band — Edenton, NC
46. North Carolina
47. West Virginia Highlanders
48. West Virginia
49. Montana
50. Alabama
51. Walbrook High School 411 — Baltimore, MD
52. Mississippi

DIVISION V — Assemble at Eutaw and Chase Streets

Assemble at 3:45 P.M. in Area B

53. Rhode Island
54. Rising Sun High School Tiger Marching Band — Rising Sun, MD
55. Idaho
56. Wyoming
57. Joseph F. Hill Waltham Massachusetts Band
58. Massachusetts
59. Canton Band, MA
60. Maine
61. Kansas City American Legion Band — Kansas City, MO
62. Missouri
63. Tennessee
64. East Ridge Post 95 — TN

DIVISION VI — Assemble at Eutaw and Chase Streets

Assemble at 4:15 P.M. in Area A

65. Connecticut
66. Hammond High School Marching Band — Columbia, MD
67. South Carolina
68. Arkansas
69. Parkville High School Marching Band — Fallston, MD
70. Georgia
71. Oregon
72. Overlea Marching Falcons — Baltimore, MD
73. Illinois
74. William Stokes Bonsal Post 133 Bonsal Blues Military Band — Woodbury, NJ
75. New Jersey
76. Legionnaires Marching Band Post 263 — NJ

DIVISION VII — Assemble at Eutaw and Chase Streets

Assemble at 4:45 P.M. in Area B

77. Michigan
78. Virginia
79. Stephen Sikora Post 1322 American Legion Band — No. Tonawanda, NY
80. New York
81. Fort Crailo Post 471 Band — NY
82. Arizona
83. Florida
84. Queens Village Post 301 Youth Marching Band — Queens Village, NY
85. Oklahoma
86. California
87. Liverpool Post 188 Band — NY

DIVISION VIII — Assemble at Eutaw and Chase Streets

Assemble at 5:15 P.M. in Area A

88. Colorado
89. Washington
90. Douglass High School Marching Band — Baltimore, MD
91. Texas
92. Alaska
93. Utah
94. Bel Air High School Bob Cat Band — Bel Air, MD
95. Nevada
96. Yankee Rebels Drum & Bugle Corps, Hamilton Post 20 — Baltimore, MD
97. Maryland

Annual Report

Covers Period Ending June 1, 1989

The final pages of this official program of the 71st Annual National Convention of The American Legion contain a condensed annual report for the American Legion 1988 year. A complete, detailed report has been prepared for submission to the Congress of the United States in accordance with requirements of the Legion's Congressionally-granted charter.

Believing that the delegates to the National Convention are entitled to receive a concise statement of the major activities of the American Legion year ending with this National Convention, your national headquarters provides this illustrated report as a part of the official program. In this manner, we are assured that every delegate and every one who registers for the convention will receive the condensed annual report.

The American Legion 71st Annual Report

A full, detailed report has been submitted to the Congress of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 249, 77th Congress. Approved September 18, 1941

During this year The American Legion, under the dedicated and tireless leadership of National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke, continued to build on a legacy of dedicated service to America's veterans. It was a year of continued growth, a year of results, and a year of on-going challenges met.

When Commander Gierke took office at the close of the 70th National Convention in Louisville, he challenged all Legionnaires to work toward a membership goal of 3,000,000. As we march into Baltimore for our 71st National Convention, we do so with a quickened step. We ARE 3,000,000 strong.

Surpassing this mark took the dedicated effort of Legionnaires who worked daily, talking with fellow veterans about the greatest veterans organization in the world, The American Legion. Through your efforts The American Legion gained strength not just in numbers, but strength which is applied in a variety of ways.

Right now, The American Legion's greater strength is being brought to bear in the form of a positive protest of the Supreme Court decision on burning our flag. Our efforts to protect the flag are just beginning, and we intend to continue our nationwide campaign for a constitutional amendment until our nation's living symbol is protected from physical desecration.

The American Legion, 3-million members strong, and joined by the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion, and millions of other American citizens, will face this challenge head-on. We must STAND BY OUR FLAG.

Our increased membership has given us a stronger voice on Capitol Hill and in Statehouses across this land, as we strive to improve the lives of our fellow veterans. Our children and youth programs benefit by the influx of volunteers who are so vital to the success of those programs.

On Veterans Day, 1988, Commander Gierke announced the results of the five-year American Legion/Columbia University Study of Vietnam Veterans.

Our study was undertaken because of continued U.S. government footdragging. We sought answers to health, economic and social concerns of America's latest generation of veterans, as well as information on these veterans perception of VA medical service. Nearly 7,000 Legionnaires took part in the study.

The findings were dramatic. We believe the study proves a relationship between exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange and a variety of medical ailments suffered by Vietnam veterans. The study also documented a correlation between the intensity of combat and the prevalence of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and economic and social well-being.

The American Legion/Columbia University researchers, using tapes obtained from the government under a Freedom of Information request, were able to document a correlation between herbicide spray missions in Vietnam and troop locations in the country at the same time. The Centers of Disease Control had said such documentation could not be done reliably.

The American Legion is justifiably proud of the results of this study. We are using the results to continue to champion the cause of America's veterans. The importance of this study does not overshadow The American Legion's continuing efforts on behalf of all veterans.

The Legion continues to work closely with Congress and the new Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure adequate funding is provided for VA medical facilities and medical services. Each and every day the VA suffers from inadequate funding, our nation's oldest and sickest veterans continue to suffer.

The battle to preserve this earned benefit for American veterans will be a long one, The American Legion, the organization responsible for the creation of the Veterans Administration in the 1930s, will not waver. As the veteran's advocate, we will continue the struggle to see that our nation cares for those who have borne the burden of battle.

During this year we witnessed the elevation of the Administration of the Veterans Administration to Cabinet level. It marked the end of a 22-year effort for The American Legion. For the first time in the history of the United States, veterans have a voice at the right hand of the President. Commander Gierke attended the historic signing ceremony in Washington, D.C., that formally created the Department of Veterans Affairs.

While a great deal of our time was spent seeking improvements in the lifestyles of our veterans, The American Legion did not forget those who have not yet returned home, our Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. We continued to work with our government in an attempt to receive a full accounting of those listed individuals. The American Legion position remains unchanged on this issue: We will not rest until the last man is accounted for and returned home to his loved ones.

Commander Gierke, as have previous National Commanders, traveled to Central America as part of the Legion's continuing efforts to bring peace and democracy to that region of the world. The American Legion will keep a watchful eye on Central America and work closely with Congress to forge a path of prosperity for the freedom seeking peoples of that troubled region.

This has been a year of significant changes for The American Legion. We have faced numerous challenges head-on, and as we begin another Legion-year we will face more challenges. Together, 3,000,000 strong, we will take the knowledge and experience gained in more than seven decades of service to God and country and meet those challenges with dedication and determination. We will succeed.



Robert W. Spanogle
National Adjutant

The National Executive Committee

Between National Conventions, the administrative authority of The American Legion is exercised by the National Executive Committee composed of the National Commander, the five National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain, and one committeeman (plus alternate) elected by each department. Past National Commanders are life members of the NEC without vote. The NEC appoints the National Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms. The NEC also has full and complete control over the annual budget.

National Executive Committeemen

Alabama	Floyd E. Fann	Missouri.....	Jerome N. Roach
Alaska	William M. Bishop	Montana.....	C. Hal Manson
Arizona.....	Julian F. Santos	Nebraska.....	Roger L. Wild
Arkansas.....	Lawrence E. Fisher	Nevada.....	Charles F. Langel
California.....	Bruce Thiesen	New Hampshire.....	Joseph E. Caouette
Canada.....	Mrs. H. Rena Chaplin	New Jersey.....	James H. Hall
Colorado.....	Charles P. Smith	New Mexico.....	Robert W. Durand
Connecticut.....	Richard W. Anderson	New York.....	Donald E. Klein
Delaware.....	Donavon L. Orth	North Carolina.....	Robert A. Tart
District of Columbia.....	Robert L. Waters	North Dakota.....	Howard V. Erickson
Florida.....	George L. Derrick	Ohio.....	Dominic V. Belloni
France.....	Merwyn M. Beavers	Oklahoma.....	Tom C. Smith
Georgia.....	W.D. Harrell	Oregon.....	T. Les Galloway
Hawaii.....	Robert J. Conrad	Panama Canal.....	Dan McDonald
Idaho.....	Marion P. Johnson	Pennsylvania.....	Joseph V. Adams
Illinois.....	James V. Kissner	Philippines.....	Ernesto P. Golez
Indiana.....	Gilbert E. Sheeks	Puerto Rico.....	Juan H. Cintron
Iowa.....	Leo Maynard	Rhode Island.....	Robert Miles, Jr.
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Kansas.....	U.S. "Udie" Grant	South Dakota.....	Donald Clarke
Kentucky.....	Joseph K. Goodness	Tennessee.....	Carl E. Levi
Louisiana.....	Paul M. Severson	Texas.....	John D. Morris
Maine.....	Anthony G. Jordan	Utah.....	William E. Christoffersen
Maryland.....	Earl C. Nuttall	Vermont.....	Milton Willis, Jr.
Massachusetts.....	John J. Mulkern	Virginia.....	Emmett B. Burley
Mexico.....	Thomas L. Hogan	Washington.....	Clint Stebing
Michigan.....	Andrew A. Templeton	West Virginia.....	Jack T. Gribben
Minnesota.....	Donald R. Schroedl	Wisconsin.....	James E. Chapin
Mississippi.....	Fred M. Ingellis	Wyoming.....	David E. Nauman

Past National Commanders

Hamilton Fish.....	New York	Joe L. Matthews.....	Texas
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George N. Craig.....	Indiana	James M. Wagon seller.....	Ohio
Erle Cocke, Jr.	Georgia	Harry G. Wiles.....	Kansas
J. Addington Wagner.....	Michigan	William J. Rogers.....	Maine
John S. Gleason, Jr.....	Illinois	Robert Charles Smith.....	Louisiana
Preston J. Moore.....	Oklahoma	John M. (Jack) Carey.....	Michigan
Martin B. McKneally.....	New York	Frank I. Hamilton.....	Indiana
William R. Burke.....	California	Michael J. Kogutek.....	New York
Daniel F. Foley.....	Minnesota	Jack W. Flynt.....	Texas
Donald E. Johnson.....	Iowa	Al Keller, Jr.	Illinois
L. Eldon James.....	Virginia	Keith Kreul.....	Wisconsin
John E. Davis.....	North Dakota	Clarence M. Bacon.....	Maryland
William E. Galbraith.....	Nebraska	Dale L. Renaud.....	Iowa
J. Milton Patrick.....	Oklahoma	James P. Dean.....	Mississippi
Alfred P. Chamie.....	California	John P. "Jake" Comer.....	Massachusetts
John H. Geiger.....	Illinois		

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National Commander



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Nat. Sgt.-At-Arms

When American Legion National Commander H. F. "Sparky" Gierke gavels the 71st National Convention to order in Baltimore, the organization will once again have more than 3-million members. Not since 1948 have we been so strong. During the convention business sessions delegates will consider a variety of resolutions that will provide steadfast direction for the coming Legion year.

The American Legion was founded by World War I veterans as an organization dedicated to serve God and Country. For 70 years, The American Legion has helped generations of Americans through program activities and involvement that benefit all veterans, youth and their countless communities across the

land.

As a leader in volunteer efforts The American Legion has provided the initiative to guide the nation toward a bright and prosperous future. The American Legion, through its legislative action, volunteer service and well-thought-out plans for the future, has paved the way for the next generation to keep America on a path of freedom and democracy.

The American Legion accomplished its objectives through two offices: National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind., with major national offices also located in Washington, D.C.

The organization's chief executive officer is the National Commander, elected by delegates to the National Convention for a term of one year.

Other national officers chosen by National Convention action are the five National Vice Commanders.

H. F. "Sparky" Gierke, of Watford City, N.D., is the 1988-89 National Commander of The American Legion. Major accomplishments during his term of office are represented in the following pages of this program and condensed annual report.

Robert W. Spanogle of Michigan, the National Adjutant, is the chief administrative officer of The American Legion. The National Adjutant, the National Judge Advocate, the National Treasurer, the National Chaplain, the National Historian and the National Sergeant-at-Arms comprise the appointed National officers of The American Legion.

Highlights from

National Commander Gierke's Year



H.F. "Sparky" Gierke is sworn in as National Commander by Past National Commander John H. Geiger at The American Legion National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.



National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke accepts a check in the amount of \$20,000 for the Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation program from National President Alice Galka during the Spring Meetings.



National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke applauds President George Bush during the Presidential Inaugural Ball.



Testifying before both the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs was one of National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke's first duties after his election in Louisville, Kentucky.



National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke applauds during a speech as Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward J. Derwinski addresses the Washington Conference.



American Legion District/County Commanders who won the 1989 "Race To The Top" competition joined National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke in Indianapolis for the festivities leading up to their attendance at the 500-Mile Race.



National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke gives a membership rally pep talk during the Washington Conference paving the way for 3,000,000 members.



National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke greets Thomas Christian Workman, left, newly elected president of American Legion Boys Nation; and Renard Francois, right, vice president.



Roger Clemens, ace righthander for the Bost Red Sox, receives the 1988 American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year Trophy from National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke, left, and Immediate Past National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer. The annual award is given to a former Legion Baseball player for citizenship, sportsmanship, integrity, community service and playing ability.

Americanism Commission

Gary W. Sammons (MI),
Chairman

K. Michael Ayers (IN),
Director



Gary W. Sammons

Post level, community-oriented programs are the lifeblood of The American Legion. Where we find strong, vibrant, Legion-sponsored programs, we

find energetic and flourishing Legion posts.

Thousands of Posts and hundreds of thousands of volunteers conduct programs of Youth Activities and Community Service that promote healthy minds, strong bodies and a stable community environment. It is your National Americanism Commission that has the responsibility for development and promotion of these programs, but it is the Post that carries the programs to the community, and it is at the Post level that the name of The American Legion shines brightest.

Included in this report are summaries of major programs of the National Americanism Commission, programs for which you share responsibility and of which you can be justly proud. American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Boys Nation, the National High School Oratorical Contest, and concern for and support of the American Education system are just a few programs that continue to provide visibility — a very positive image — for the Legion both locally and nationally.

Through this past year, the Americanism Commission devoted attention to Federal legislative matters of concern to most Americans. Current mandates of the Organization that are paramount to the interests of the

Commission continue to be in the areas of effective intelligence agencies, with problems of illegal aliens and immigration laws, with acts of terrorism, with the return to prayer in the Nation's classrooms, and with the establishment of English as the official language of the United States.

The Americanism Commission is charged with the supervision and coordination of two National Standing Committees: the National Committee on Education and the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee.

BOYS STATE/BOYS NATION

There is no better way to assure the survival of our republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American Government. By teaching youth to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society, we can keep America strong and ensure freedom for future generations. These are the distinguished and long-standing objectives of American Legion Boys State.

These objectives are accomplished through a unique summertime program, one that emphasizes participation and personal experience in a "model state," complete with governing bodies and elected public officials.

More than 28,000 young men participated in the program in 1989, and added their names to the role of more than one million who have attended American Legion Boys State since its inception in 1935.

Every year each Boys State selects two outstanding graduates to represent them at American Legion Boys Nation. Held in Washington, DC in July of each year, it is at Boys Nation that the delegates are introduced, firsthand, to the federal city and the operation of government at the federal level.

This year, 1989, Boys Nation marked forty-three years of government training at the federal level.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

The fifty-second annual National High School Oratorical Finals were conducted on April 14, 1989, at the Nebraska Center for Continuing



The four finalists in the 52nd annual American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest posed for this photograph of the evening before the contest. Shown left to right are Angela Weaver of Huntsville, AL, third place; Pamela Epp of Fairbury, NE, second place; Joy Whitten of Milwaukee, WI, fourth place; and Martin Kelly of Hydes, MD, first place.

Education, University of Nebraska, in Lincoln. Fifty-four Departments of The American Legion participated in the Oratorical Program. The four National Finalists were:

First Place: Martin Kelly, Jr., Hydes, Maryland; \$18,000 scholarship

Second Place: Pamela Kay Epp, Fairbury, Nebraska; \$16,000 scholarship

Third Place: Angela Ruth Weaver, Huntsville, Alabama; \$14,000 scholarship

Fourth Place: Joy M. Whitten, Milwaukee; \$12,000 scholarship

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to each Regional Contest participant and an additional \$3,000 scholarship to Sectional contestants who do not advance to the National Finals, for an annual total of \$138,000. To date, over \$1,500,000 in scholarship awards have been provided from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund. Additionally, scholarships are awarded at the Post, District and Department levels.

In 1990, the National Oratorical Finals will be held in Tampa, Florida.

SCOUTING

The American Legion's interest and support of Scouting is illustrated by the selection of Rodney J. Votava, a 17-year-old from Warren, Minnesota, as The American Legion's Scout of the Year. Sponsored by Post No. 27 at Warren, Minnesota, Rodney will receive an \$8,000 scholarship from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund.

For the second consecutive year, three runners-up for the Scout of the Year award received scholarships of \$2,000 each. They were: Robert M. Boyer of Weirsdale, Florida; Scott L. Cornie of Beaverton, Oregon; and William P. Guerard, IV of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS

In an effort to promote gun safety and marksmanship training for the nation's young people, The American Legion, through its network of local Posts, has embarked on a national campaign to organize junior shooting clubs. The program is for boys and girls 14 through 20 years of age.

Although the primary emphasis will be placed on shooting safety, the program will also emphasize marksmanship skills, the development of competition skills, attitude and leadership development as well as concentration and personal initiative.

The program utilizes .177 caliber pellet rifles and pistols which are U.S. made and pneumatically powered.

The American Legion, in cooperation with the National Rifle Association, is also involved in the sponsorship of basic firearms education program courses. These courses provide the basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to pursue special interests in safety, personal protection, recreation and competitive shooting and hunting.

Taught by NRA Certified Instructors, courses are offered in the following specialties: Airgun Safety, Firearms Safety, Personal Protection, Pistol Marksmanship, Rifle Marksmanship, Shotgun Shooting, Muzzleloading Pistol Marksmanship, Muzzleloading Rifle Marksmanship and Muzzleloading Shotgun Shooting.

BASEBALL

American Legion Baseball closed its 64th season of nationwide participation just before this Convention was convened. Eight regional champions representing nearly 4,000 teams (78,000 young men) fielded throughout the country by American Legion Posts and other sponsors, competed at Millington, Tennessee in the 1989 World Series, August 23-27.



One of the highlights of the 1988 season was having the final championship game televised nationwide on ESPN. Sam Rosen and Darryl Chaney handled the play by play and color commentary during the championship game.

More than half of this season's Major League Baseball players gained training and experience in the Legion's program before they signed their first professional contract. More and more participants are realizing college educations through scholarships granted to them following exposure in this athletic activity first sponsored by The American Legion in 1925.

SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY

"Service to God and Country" is basic Americanism. This program is designed to help prevent the spiritual decay of America and to charge our citizens with a spirit of positive Americanism, respect for law, reverence for authority and an awareness of our human rights and freedoms.

The first of this dual objective is service to God through regular public worship, daily family prayer and the religious education of children. Legionnaires are called upon to make parents more aware of their responsibility to instill in their children the belief that God is the source of all rights and privileges.

The second objective is to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation by preparing young Americans to take up tomorrow's responsibilities. It is achieved by teaching them moral and spiritual values, renewed interest in our country's history, self-discipline, self-reliance, thrift and ideals of loyalty, honesty and physical fitness.

The program is coordinated by the Post Chaplain through the cooperation of local clergy and other public service and civic organizations which hold with

the principles of The American Legion's "Service to God and Country" program.

FLAG EDUCATION

The American Legion, as a recognized authority of flag etiquette for more than sixty years, has provided to our Nation's people the information necessary to properly and appropriately display the Flag of the United States. Each year, the office of the National Americanism Commission answers hundreds of inquiries regarding proper respect for our Flag and continues to promote Flag education through our publications *Know Your America* and *Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette*.

Reaching out to our youngest citizens with Flag education information, the National Americanism Commission recently unveiled *Our Country's Flag*, a 20-page educational comic book designed to teach elementary school children about the birth, development and proper manner for display of the Flag, and about American ideals, patriotism and respect for "Old Glory." Posts may purchase the books from National Emblem Sales for distribution through their local schools.

TARGET INTERACTIVE PROJECT

The American Legion has been involved in an anti-drug program for many years. We are continually looking for other materials and organizations that can assist in providing solutions for this tragic problem in our schools and communities.

The National Federation of State High School Associations and the I.B.M. Corporation developed a high-tech program to give students an eye-opening view of how substance abuse can affect their every day lives. The program is called Target Interactive Project or T.I.P. and it was introduced at our National Convention in Louisville last year. Our main purpose is to promote the availability of this equipment and to urge Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units to lead the way in community fund raising to assist their schools in obtaining one of the T.I.P. units.

In October of last year, the National

Commander took part in a promotional video that was taped at a high school in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. If you would like to see this video, please contact your Department Headquarters.

This program is "hands on" for students and places them in realistic situations in which they must make choices. They are then shown the results of the choices they made as they progress through the program. It is indeed excellent material for students.

As of this date, units have been purchased by the following Posts and/or Departments:

1. Minneapolis-Richfield Post #435, Dept. of MN.
2. The Department of Kansas
3. White Bear Lake Post #26, Dept. of MN
4. The Department of Massachusetts

The Post purchases have been donated to their community schools and the Department purchases will be used throughout their state.

More information about the T.I.P. program is available from: Target, National Federation of State High School Associations, P.O. Box 20626, Kansas City, MO 64195. □

Committee on Education

Dr. W. F. Haynie (TX),
Chairman

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has continuously concerned itself with the promotion of positive educational activities. A joint committee was formed with the National Education Association which brought about the first American Education Week observance in 1921. This Committee met annually to discuss educational issues and plans for each succeeding Education Week observance.

In 1975, the NEA dissolved all committees involved with outside organizations and ended nearly 55 years of cooperative efforts toward national emphasis and input to the Nation's educational system. For that reason, The American Legion formed

the National Committee on Education in order to maintain a strong positive influence on education. As the only national committee with a voting membership from both the Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, it exemplifies the cooperation needed by our organizations and so vital in providing programs and activities that will have a meaningful effect on the schools.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM

The activities of the Education Program are many and varied. The National Americanism Commission through its National Committee on Education, continues to emphasize citizenship education as the foundation of the program.

For several years, the Legion has supported Project Literacy U.S. (PLUS), an unprecedented collaboration between ABC and PBS Television in dealing with the problems of adult literacy. Posts are encouraged to assist PLUS by getting involved with programs or starting new ones to help alleviate the problems of illiterate adults.

American Education Week, co-sponsored by The American Legion since 1921, will be observed November 12-18, 1989. The theme "Learning and Liberty — Our Roots, Our Future," emphasizes the role The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary can and should play in promoting educational excellence in public and private schools in the community. By encouraging courses for our young people that are designed to prepare them for the world of work and for responsible citizenship, the Country is strengthened and our future made secure.

Continued participation in the National Conventions of Secondary School Principals, Counselors and the National School Board Association reaffirms that our financial source book, *Need A Lift?* is serving an important role for young people seeking funds to attend college. *Need A Lift?* and the brochure *A Guide for Parents and Students* are basic tools to be used by counselors working with young people and parents in financial planning for higher education. □

Counter-Subversive Activities Committee

F. Rodney Loper (PA),
Chairman

The Counter-Subversive Activities Committee, since its establishment by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in November 1950 continues to keep a close watch on activities of certain organizations and individuals who threaten our form of government and reports this information in the monthly publication, *Firing Line*.

If you are not currently receiving *Firing Line*, why not fill out the coupon below and mail it along with your check or money order to: The American Legion *Firing Line*, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206. Single subscriptions are available at a cost of \$5.00 per year. Bulk subscriptions are also available at \$1.00 each when a minimum of 20 copies are mailed to one address only. □

Children & Youth Commission

Eugene V. Lindquist (MN),
Chairman

K. Michael Ayers (IN),
Director



Eugene V. Linquist

The National Commission on Children & Youth has just completed a most successful program year. Our reporting figures were up; brochure distribution

was up; and we continue to see an increase in the number of new volunteers coming to our program. Attendance at the eight Regional Workshops is outstanding and the enthusiasm of those attending is quite contagious.

During the past program year, your Commission focused its attention primarily on four major areas: They are Substance Abuse, Suicide Prevention, Missing Children and Child Safety. Our commitment to these areas is well documented. Over five years ago, this Commission clearly stated that we would stay with these areas until we could see some measurable progress and a reduction in national figures that report negative statistics.

To help you and the children we serve, we have carefully researched our areas of concern and have discovered some interesting facts. Kids of all ages just want the facts. They don't want a lot of copy to read and if a picture will convey the same information, use it! Our material has been produced with this data in mind. Our pamphlets are easy to understand at first glance. There is very little copy. Each brochure was created in such a way that it could be handed to any elementary child and they would quickly understand its intent.

Several brochures and promotional helps have been prepared on our areas of concern that are now available from National. Please review these titles and order a supply for your community or school today:

- WARNING SIGNS
- ALCOHOL ABUSE
- COCAINE
- CHILDREN BEWARE
- PROGRAM GUIDE
- OUTDOOR SAFETY
- INDOOR SAFETY
- MARIJUANA
- RESOURCE GUIDE
- MEDIA KITS

Today, more than any other time in our history, our children are feeling peer pressure. The pressure to belong; to be accepted; to dress right; to be cool; to talk in a certain way; to be seen with the right kids; to experiment; to take chances and much, much more. Our society is moving at an ever increasing pace — fast foods, drive thrus, instant breakfast, microwaves, and television. In just 60 minutes, we

see detectives, lawyers and doctors solve all the problems of the world. Today, our children often get frustrated and depressed when their everyday problems seem to drag on without immediate solution.

When was the last time you saw any of your children or grandchildren reading a novel; doing a 1,500 piece puzzle; sitting through a live play; eating dinner in their home with the rest of their family; or just doing any family activity together?

We live in a different world today. Whether that is good or bad, or a little of both, is not the issue. What we must address are those issues that seem to be devastating our children the most often and with the worst of consequences. Your National Commission has set its mind and energies toward this goal. It may take thousands of brochures and hundreds of meetings to save one life; and if this happens, and we know it has, our efforts and program will have been justified.

As National Chairman, I invite you to make recommendations to this Commission concerning programs or areas of concern we may wish to consider. Every program we have ever instituted has been the result of input from our volunteers in the field. Our future depends on you and with that thought, we are quite comfortable.

In the coming year, we will continue to enhance and strengthen our program. Our perennial goal has always been "A Square Deal For Every Child." The other day I ran across a quote that may even state our goal more clearly. The author was a person whose last name is Michaels — "Judge a nation by the smiles, the laughter of her children." □

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

U.S. "Udie" Grant (KS),
President

Paul R. Frinsthal (IL),
Executive Secretary

For the 1988-89 year, the following grants were awarded: \$58,000 to

Aberdeen American Legion Post No. 59 (ID); \$24,500 to Aplastic Anemia Foundation of America, Inc. (MD); \$61,300 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America (PA); \$35,500 to The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (PA); \$10,400 to the Epilepsy Foundation of America (MD); \$9,000 to the International Rett Syndrome Association (MD); \$13,000 to the National Crime Prevention Council (DC); \$25,500 to the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine (CO); \$18,800 to the National Marfan Foundation (NY); \$5,600 to the Near Eastside Multi-Service Center (IN); \$50,000 to the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center (FL).

The Foundation was created in 1954 for the following purposes: To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and well-established organizations and/or their programs, to the end that such information will specifically benefit youth, and in general, be more adequately used by society.

This foundation is YOUR Foundation. Our primary source of income is derived from the voluntary contributions of Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Eight and Forty members. In order for our Board of Directors to continue to make grants like those listed above, we must have your continued support. Each contribution is tax-deductible and best of all, 100 percent of your contribution goes for projects designed to help children.

Special thanks again this year to an outstanding group of volunteers we affectionately refer to as RATs (Regional Action Teams). Without their assistance, many grants would still be waiting for funding. □



Convention Commission

James J. Charleston (IL),
Chairman

Robert P. Radke (OH),
Director



James J. Charleston

The 70th Annual Convention of The American Legion was held at Louisville, Kentucky, September 2-8, 1988.

Near record attendance added to the success of all Convention events. Highlights of the General Sessions were the colorful Opening Ceremony; reaching of the \$1,00,000 addition to the Child Welfare Foundation which was the special project goal of then National Commander John P. (Jake) Comer; the appearance and address on Tuesday evening of President Ronald Reagan and the appearance of the Presidential nominees — Vice President George Bush and Governor Michael Dukakis.

On Saturday, uniformed group competitions were held for Senior Concert Bands and Senior Color Guards. The contests provided spirited competition with the National Champions being:

Senior Band — American Legion Band of Tonawandas Post 264 Tonawanda, New York

Senior Color Guard — The Cheverly Troopers American Legion Post 108 Cheverly, Maryland

An overflow crowd attended the Sunday morning Memorial Service held in the Grand Ballroom of the Galt House East. Later Sunday afternoon, the Convention Parade provided color, pageantry and music for four hours to thousands of spectators and marchers. The Escort Division, composed of one of the largest contingents of marchers and military equipment in recent years, added greatly to the spectacle.

The American Legion National

Convention Festival '88, held at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center provided a fun Labor Day for the estimated 15,000 Legionnaires and their families who attended. Featured entertainer was Lee Greenwood, author and singer of "God Bless the USA". Other entertainment included skydivers, hot air balloons, various types of bands and music, food booths and fireworks. For the third consecutive year, the Festival proved to be a popular entertainment feature of the Convention and will be held again at the 1989 Convention in Baltimore.

Attendees filled the Grand Ballroom of the Galt House East for the National Commander's Banquet for Distinguished Guests. The City of Louisville, The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Kentucky, Inc. and the Department of Kentucky were commended for hosting this outstanding Convention.

Representatives from the City of Louisville appeared before the Convention Commission at the May, 1989 Meeting and thanked The American Legion for holding the 1988 Convention in Louisville and stated that Louisville believes this was one of the greatest conventions ever held in the city.

At the Spring, 1989 Meeting of the Convention Commission, bids for 1994 Convention were received from the cities of New Orleans, LA; Minneapolis, MN and Milwaukee, WI. The Commission recommended that the 1994 National Convention be held in the City of Minneapolis, MN, September 2-8, 1994 and the recommendation was approved by the National Executive Committee. Cities indicating interest in future conventions are: Portland, OR; Salt Lake City, UT; Seattle, WA; Cincinnati, OH; Detroit, MI and Denver, CO.

In March, 1989, a Convention Commission site inspection team visited Baltimore, MD, site of the 71st Annual Convention, September 1-7, 1989. They reported that Baltimore is ready in all aspects to host a great Convention. The schedule of events is much the same as in past Conventions with Senior Concert Band and Senior Color Guard Contests on Saturday; Memorial Service and Parade on Sunday; Festival '89 on Labor Day and General Sessions on Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday.

The primary function of the Convention Commission is to review invitations from interested cities and recommend the sites for future Conventions. Upon approval by the National Executive Committee, those recommended cities receive tentative awards five years in advance of the Convention. The Commission also oversees activities during Conventions, critiques each Convention and recommends improvements for future Conventions.

Dates of Future Conventions

- 1989 — Baltimore, MD — Sept. 1-7
- 1990 — Indianapolis, IN — Aug. 24-30
- 1991 — Phoenix, AZ — Aug. 30-Sept. 5 (T)
- 1992 — Chicago, Illinois — Aug. 28-Sept. 3 (T)
- 1993 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — Sept. 3-9 (T)
- 1994 — Minneapolis, MN — Sept. 2-8, 1994 (T)

(T) Tentative □

Distinguished Guests

Allen L. Titus (IN),
Chairman

The Distinguished Guests Committee operates under the umbrella of the National Convention Commission. The purpose of the Committee is to assume the responsibility of coordinating the activities of people invited to attend the National Convention as Distinguished Guests.

The Committee arranges transportation requirements for the arrival and departure of the guests and provides such services to the various events as they may wish to attend.

Proper credentials, agendas, itineraries and other necessary details are all involved in this service. Special requests are honored when possible.

The Distinguished Guest Committee establishes its base of operations in the Legion Headquarters Hotel. It is maintained as a convenience and

central locator for all Distinguished Guests. The overall success of this operation depends almost entirely upon Legionnaires from the Convention City and Department. They provide the experienced leadership and knowledge necessary to conduct the activities of the Committee throughout the Convention.

Special emphasis is placed upon the ability of local aides, drivers and others to help make our guests feel comfortable and at ease during their stay in the Convention City. □

Internal Affairs Commission

Herman G. Harrington (NY),
Chairman

Raymond C. Patterson (IA),
Director



Herman G. Harrington

The Internal Affairs Commission is responsible for policies relating to the internal structure and operation of The American Legion at all levels. In

addition, all resolutions and other official matters not falling within the area of assigned duties of other National Commissions or Committees are handled by the Internal Affairs Commission.

Four national standing committees are assigned to the commission for "supervision and coordination:" Constitution and By-Laws; Membership and Post Activities; Resolutions Assignment; and Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials. The Internal Affairs Commission is also the supervisory body for the Sons of The American Legion program.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The only authority that can amend the National Constitution and By-Laws is accomplished by action of a National Convention. A standing committee on Constitution and By-Laws does, however, review and make recommendations of all proposed amendments.

TROPHIES, AWARDS AND CEREMONIALS

This committee supervises all official national awards (with the exception of those related to uniform group competition) and recommends to the National Executive Committee recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal, the International Amity Award and the Canadian Friendship Award.

At the 1989 Spring Meetings, the Committee approved the nomination of Anthony Stokes (Australia) for the International Amity Award.

For the Canadian Friendship Award, the Committee approved the nominations of Walter O'Hare (ME), Louis Violette (Canada), Robert Morrison, Jr. (Canada), Donald Hughes (NY), B.A., "Bert" Sharp, (Canada), Neil Trickett, (Canada), and Joseph Cass (WA).

RESOLUTIONS ASSIGNMENT

The Resolutions Assignment Committee meets only at the annual National Convention. The committee has the responsibility of assigning all resolutions to the appropriate convention committee for report to the convention.

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion met May 6-7, 1989. The two major programs of the SAL have been in support of veterans rehabilitation and support of the Child Welfare Foundation. Both special projects have been very successful and have contributed to the many successes of the SAL.

Membership in the Sons of The American Legion for 1988 was 99,116 and is expected to grow to 108,000 by year end 1989. This will make the 15th consecutive year of membership

growth and another all time high.

This has been the second year the Sons of The American Legion has participated in raising funds for the Child Welfare Foundation. A second grant was approved in 1989 and support to the Foundation will continue as an ongoing project. Of special note at this year's Spring National Executive meeting was the donation of \$10,000 to the Child Welfare Foundation from the SAL's general fund to support this worthy cause.

Also, this year's National Commander's project is veterans rehabilitation where a goal of 100,000 volunteer hours has been set. This main emphasis to assist veterans in VA hospitals and VA homes set a new record in 1988 and the goals for 1989 will far exceed those of last year.

The Sons of The American Legion remains a healthy and vibrant program experiencing continued growth and support from Posts throughout The American Legion organization.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS

Over 53% of The American Legion Posts filed a consolidated Post Report with National Headquarters for the 1987-1988 year. Last year exemplifies the valuable and invaluable assistance provided to all levels of America: Cash aid given to veterans — \$1,719,059; contributions to the VA Volunteer Service Program — \$1,488,326; along with 1,140,250 volunteer hours of service; donated \$8,279,312 to athletic teams; sponsored 52,072 Boy Scouts at a cost of \$1,342,022; awarded 5,745 scholarships valued at \$1,965,772; donated \$5,413,828 and spent 2,098,432 hours performing community service work; gave 108,942 pints of blood and contributed millions of dollars in goods and cash to programs helping children and veterans.

The greatest duty for The American Legion is its service to its veterans. Again, we have honorably and proudly met our obligations.

PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE

The American Legion Paid-Up-For-Life Program started 14 years ago as a convenience to our members. Since its inception, and as of March 31, 1988,

over 55,000 members have entered the National Program.

This method of membership is the best way to ensure that one is always a paid-up continuous member. This is the most positive way one can show support for The American Legion and its programs.

DIRECT RENEWAL

One of the measures The American Legion uses to judge the success of the various programs is through the continuing strength of its membership. Instrumental to the retention of members in the organization is the Direct Renewal Program, which is the use of a direct mail method that invites members to renew. This organized, uniform, and simple method has been a very successful and effective approach and is funded at NO COST to Departments or Posts. Members of participating Posts receive a first renewal letter about July or August 1, depending on your Department. Subsequent renewal notices are mailed to unpaid members about October 1, or November 1, December 15, or January 11, and March 14, respectively.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

The 11th annual series of National Leadership Workshops sponsored by the National Headquarters of The American Legion and Auxiliary in cooperation with all Departments will take place this September/October at eight regional sites around the United States. See the full page promotion elsewhere in this program for complete details on each workshop.

This forum of workshops is a setting to discuss matters of interest to the organization, but, more importantly, it offers the opportunity to inform, educate, and provide leadership training to anyone wanting to learn more about the past, present, and future of the Legion and Auxiliary. Many subject matters are covered, providing a blend of experiences, sharing of ideas, problem solving, information exchange, and the sharpening of skills.

Become a part of the 40,000 + other members who have attended past workshops. Be a Winner! Get

Involved!

DIRECT MEMBERSHIP SOLICITATION

Research studies have shown that many veterans would consider joining The American Legion, but they have never been asked. In an attempt to reach as many of these veterans as possible, we are soliciting new members through the mail. This new and exciting membership program is called Direct Membership Solicitation (DMS).

DMS has proven successful, having acquired over 700,000 new members for The American Legion since its inception. Fifty-two (52) Departments now participate in the DMS programs.

Also being tested through the DMS program is Television Direct Response advertising as well as Direct Response Magazine advertising. DMS will continue to support The American Legion's drive for 3,000,000 plus members.

FAMILY BENEFITS PLAN

The American Legion Family Benefits Plan was created to assist in the acquisition and retention of members while increasing the real and perceived value of every Legionnaire's card. Corporate sponsors of this plan offer a variety of discounts on hotel lodging, resort condominium rentals, motor club membership, car rentals, and recreation parks.

At this time, discounts and services are being offered by the following companies: Allstate Motor Club, American Red Ball, Atlas Van Lines, Avis, Days Inn of America, Endless Vacation Travel, La Quinta Motor Inns, Marriott Corporation, National Car Rental, North American Van Lines/Quality Movers, Ramada Inns, Regal 8 Inns, Rodeway Inns, Sea World of Florida, Thrifty Rent-A-Car, United States Auto Club and United Van Lines.

Renewal agreements are being finalized at this time and preparation for new promotional materials are under way. A reprint of the 1988 handbook describing the various discount offerings from the corporate sponsors of the plan did not receive sufficient financial support from corporate sponsors to allow reprinting in 1989.

Efforts continue to seek potential new corporate sponsors in a greater variety of choices. Negotiations with existing corporate sponsors are ongoing to expend benefits and increase participation by our members. □

Membership and Post Activities Committee

Douglas W. Henley (PA)
Chairman

James M. Lindsey (MI)
Director



Douglas W. Henley

The 1989 membership year has been one of continued implementation of innovative redirection within the organization. It is quite

evident, with our growing membership, that we are the largest and fastest growing veterans organization in the Nation.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

Total official membership,	
1988	2,840,561
1988 membership as of	
May 17, 1988	2,740,937
1989 membership as of	
May 17, 1989	2,781,432

ELIGIBILITY DATES REMAINED CONSTANT IN 1988-89

There have been no changes in eligibility dates for membership since the 1979 National Convention in Houston, Texas, where new dates were

established for Vietnam Veterans (December 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975). A Special Study Committee was formed to research validity of changing the eligibility dates. Once their report was filed and presented to the National Executive Committee, it was voted not to change the eligibility requirements.

26TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

One National Membership Workshop was held this year in preparation for the 1990 membership year.

The sessions for the 26th annual workshop were held in Indianapolis, July 28-30 giving over three hundred Legionnaires the necessary tools, information, and methods for another successful year of membership.

This exchange of ideas on a national scale continues to be one of the best opportunities to achieve the stimulus for a greater participation of Legionnaires, at all levels, to be totally involved in meeting our objective of over 3,000,000 members.

In September and October, we will be taking our Membership Program into the field as we participate in the eight National Leadership Workshops, where we can expect to present our techniques to an additional 1,000 Legionnaires from all around the country.

NEW POSTS

Posts Chartered — May 1, 1988 to May 1, 1989

Number of Posts as of

May 1, 1988 15,475

Number of Posts cancelled as of

May 1, 1989 108

Number of Posts chartered as of

May 1, 1989 63

Total Number of Posts as of

May 1, 1989 15,448

New Post formation in urban areas is one of the most difficult tasks confronting The American Legion. The Membership Division has put together a Strategic Planning Data Form for field personnel use. This form contains data from Departments to be used when formulating a strategic membership plan tailored to a particular Department. The information will help target areas in

which assistance is needed.

1990 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN PROMOTION

During the annual planning session of the Membership and Post Activities Committee held in Indianapolis, January 13-15, 1988, the Committee formulated the promotion plan for the National Membership Campaign. In excess of 65,000 various awards and incentives are incorporated in the National Membership Awards Program for 1990 to recognize outstanding membership accomplishments at all levels of the organization.

The M&PA staff has prepared a detailed Awards Manual for 1990 and promotional brochures describing Individual, Post, District and Department Awards that can be earned for membership performance.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

This year, Department Commanders won their choices of three trips for piloting their respective Departments to 100% of their 1989 membership goals by April 4, 1989. Department Membership Chairmen also each won, by drawing, one of the same trips. The trip choices were: 1) Four nights fun trip to Las Vegas; or 2) Seven fabulous days and nights in the Bahamas; or 3) A seven day vacation combination including four nights cruise with three days at Walt Disney World.

EARLY BIRD AWARDS

Thirty-four Departments qualified for the 30% awards. They are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

MIDWAY TO SUCCESS

Twenty Departments qualified for the 50% awards with five of them qualifying for the 55% bonus awards.

The bonus Departments are: Delaware, Kansas, Maryland, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The 50% Departments are: Alabama, Connecticut, D.C., Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Virginia.

OKTOBERFEST

Twenty-seven Departments qualified for the new 60% awards with nine Departments qualifying for the 65% bonus awards. The bonus Departments are: Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

The 60% Departments are: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, D.C., Massachusetts, Mexico, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia.

VETERANS DAY AWARDS

Thirty-three Departments qualified for the 75% awards with nine Departments qualifying for the 80% bonus awards. The bonus Departments are: Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mexico, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The 75% Departments are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, D.C., Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

"BIG TWELVE" COMPETITION

Thirty-one Departments qualified for the 90% awards with eight of them qualifying for the 95% bonus award. The bonus Departments are: Delaware, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mexico, Minnesota, Ohio, and South Dakota. The 90% Departments are: Connecticut, D.C., Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

"BIG TWELVE" COMPETITION WINNERS

- Category I —Minnesota and Ohio
- Category II —Iowa and Wisconsin
- Category III —Kansas and Virginia
- Category IV —South Dakota and North Dakota
- Category V —Oregon and South Carolina
- Category VI —Delaware and Rhode Island

AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY

Three Departments qualified for the 100% awards. They are: Delaware, Mexico, and Oregon.

GOLD BRIGADE RECRUITER AWARD

A Legionnaire who recruits 50 or more NEW members by District Competition Target Date, May 2, 1989, will qualify for enrollment in the elite GOLD BRIGADE of The American Legion. A total of 218 recruiters have been certified as of May 22, 1989. The combined number of new members recruited by Gold Brigade winners totals approximately 14,126 as of May 22, 1989.

POST HONOR RIBBONS

Post Honor Ribbons were shipped to 1,930 Posts whose 1989 membership as of December 31, 1988, exceeds 1988 membership.

CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

These certificates were awarded to 414 Posts for attaining a new All-Time High membership for 1989 by December 31, 1988.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS "RACE TO THE TOP"

Competition is divided into five categories based on the membership of the District.

First place, a trip to the 500 Mile Race:

- Category I —New York
- Category II —North Carolina
- Category III —Kentucky
- Category IV —Ohio

Category V —Florida

Second place, airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States:

- Category I —Oregon
- Category II —Georgia
- Category III —Texas
- Category IV —Florida
- Category V —Ohio

Third place, local get-away weekend:

- Category I —Arkansas
- Category II —Delaware
- Category III —Oregon
- Category IV —Pennsylvania
- Category V —Kansas

DEPARTMENT "RECRUITER OF THE YEAR"

Each American Legion Post will have the opportunity to submit the name of the Recruiter for that Post who has signed up the highest number of New Members for the 1989 membership year by The American Legion Birthday, March 17, 1989. National Headquarters will supply certification forms to be completed by the Post Commander or Adjutant and submitted to Department Headquarters by April 4, 1989. Department Adjutants will determine the Top New Member Recruiter for their respective Departments and certify the winner to National Headquarters, on or before May 2, 1989.

The Top New Member Recruiter, properly certified from each Department, will be awarded a State Outline Trophy with his/her accomplishment inscribed thereon. As of May 2, 1989, 48 Departments have certified a "Top New Member Recruiter."

NATIONAL "RECRUITER OF THE YEAR"

The individual certified with the highest number of New Members recruited from among all the Departments is declared "National Recruiter of the Year". The award will consist of an all expense-paid trip to the 1989 National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. The trip includes round-trip air transportation, hotel accommodations for 6 days/5 nights, and reserved seating tickets to the

National Commander's Banquet for Distinguished Guests for the winner and spouse.

DISTRICT COMMANDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND DISTRICT HONOR RIBBON

Over 127 Achievement Award Plaques and Honor Ribbons were sent to those Districts whose 1989 District Membership as of May 2, 1989 exceeded the 1988 membership by at least one per Post.

DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

The following District Commanders have created a new American Legion Post(s) in their respective Districts, and have filed the new Post Temporary Charter Application by the 7th Target Date of the District Commander's Competition (May 2, 1989). Recipients of the Special Recognition Plaque are:

- 1 New Post qualifies for Special Recognition Plaque
- Herb Robinson, Department of Kansas
- Glenn Cooper, Department of Louisiana
- Frank Nolan, Department of Mexico
- Charles Bassett, Department of Michigan
- Norman Kappler, Department of Pennsylvania
- Ivan R. Kerschner, Department of Pennsylvania
- William G. Outly, Department of Pennsylvania
- Everett L. Bills, Department of Texas
- Paul E. Dillard, Department of Texas
- Charles Cline, Department of Idaho
- Ray Howe, Department of Mississippi
- W. S. Shinault, Department of Mississippi
- Robert Cherry, Department of Florida
- William McGuire, Department of Florida
- Roy L. Rohde, Department of South Dakota
- Duane E. Byerly, Department of Illinois

DISTRICT COMPETITION TARGET III

Ten Departments qualified for the 100% + awards. They are: Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Maryland, Mexico, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon, South

Dakota and West Virginia.

FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS AWARD

Seventy-one Posts have earned the "Five Consecutive Years Post All-Time High Award" as of May 13, 1989. □

The American Legion Life Insurance And Trust Committee

Jerome P. Dobel, Jr. (MO),
Chairman

G. Paul Dunn (OK),
Assistant Director,
Membership Services

The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee provides oversight for the three Life Insurance plans currently offered by The American Legion and is assigned to the National Finance Commission.

The original plan, ALLIP (American Legion Life Insurance Plan) is now in its 31st year of service to Legionnaires. The plan was officially approved by the National Executive Committee in February 1958 and has provided more than \$69,000,000 in benefits to beneficiaries of Legionnaires. ALLIP, is a level premium, annually renewable decreasing term policy with benefits based upon the age of the insured at time of death. All Legionnaires under age 70 are eligible to apply under liberal underwriting requirements.

The Committee has periodically sought approval from the National Executive Committee to increase the maximum number of units for which members could apply under ALLIP. Effective January 1, 1987, the maximum number of available units was increased from twelve (12) to fourteen (14). Legionnaires who were eligible for a maximum of \$144,000 protection before, can now apply for coverage up to \$161,000 in The American Legion Life Insurance Plan.

The National Executive Committee passed a resolution to grant a 15 percent "across the board increase" in all death benefits for the calendar year

1988. This is the 20th time in the 31 year history in which such an increase has been made. Example: The \$140,000 policy becomes \$161,000 and a \$10,000 benefit is worth \$11,500. The cost per unit has never increased. It remains only \$24.00 per year.

The Plan is underwritten by Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The coverage is arranged under a group policy for members in all states except permanent residents of Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin, who are insured under individual policies. The United States Life Insurance Company in New York City insures permanent residents of New York State and Puerto Rico.

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust supports several National programs which are among the most prominent and visible activities of The American Legion. The programs are listed below with the corresponding funding for 1989.

American Legion Baseball \$499,180, National Oratorical Contest \$234,800. This includes the award for the Oratorical Contests as follows: 1st Place \$18,000; 2nd Place \$16,000; 3rd Place \$14,000; and 4th Place \$12,000.

In addition, each of the Department winners attending the regional contests receives a \$1,000 scholarship award. Junior Uniformed Musical Groups, \$20,000, for participation at the National Convention, Boy's Nation, \$119,020, Boy Scout of the Year Scholarship Award, \$14,000. An award of \$2,000 per year up to four years, not to exceed \$8,000, for pursuit of a course of study beyond high school. Three second place awards in the amount of \$2,000 each are granted also. Department Service Officer Training Program, \$40,000.

These requests for grants are approved by The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee, the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee.

Each year, on or about October 15, all insured Legionnaires are requested to report their next year's membership card number when renewing their coverage for the next calendar year. For further information, write to The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, RBH Direct Group, 4870 Street Road,

Trevose, PA 19049, or call 1-800-542-5547.

Two additional plans were developed in 1987 and are briefly described below.

ALL VET

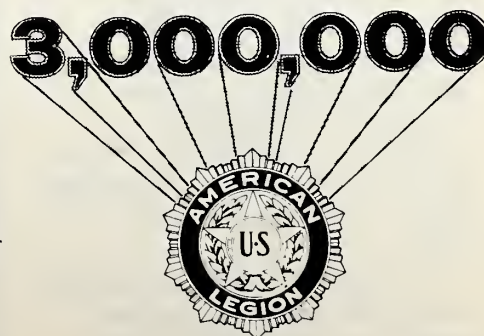
American Legion Life Very Exceptional Term — a custom-designed term policy with level benefits and level premiums. The premium is the same for all who enroll; however, the benefit depends on your age at the time you enroll. Acceptance is subject to the underwriters approval and is available all year to younger Legionnaires and their spouses. The Plan offers up to 4 units of coverage and includes an important Return of Premium feature.

ALL GI

American Legion Life Guaranteed Issue — a custom-designed whole life policy with cash and loan values. This plan also offers level premium and level benefits. The plan is available to more mature Legionnaires and their spouses during limited enrollments and is issued on a standard or modified basis, depending on answers to health questions on the application. You cannot be turned down for this plan. A child rider is also available with both plans.

For more information on ALL VET and ALL GI, call 1-800-523-5758 or write to Union Fidelity Life Insurance Co., Union Fidelity Office Square, Trevose, PA 19049.

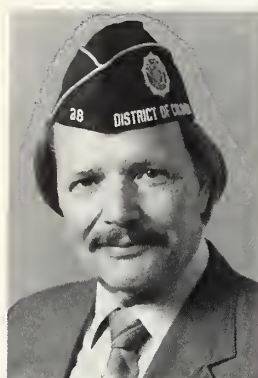
The Life Insurance and Trust Committee on behalf of the National Organization is proud to make these two new dynamic insurance plans available to our fellow members. □



Public Relations Commission

Thomas C. Kouyeas (DC),
Chairman

Lew Wood (IN),
Director



Thomas C. Kouyeas

understanding and acceptance of the programs and positions of The American Legion.

The 1988-1989 Legion program year saw major objectives met, new directions taken, and support requirements continue to increase for the Commission.

With the public release of the findings of The American Legion-Columbia University Study of Vietnam-era Veterans in November, the Commission worked to obtain maximum public disclosure of critical data. It provided media and PR support to the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, which conducted an "Open Forum" with distinguished scientists and our researchers to inform members of Congress and their staffs of the important results. Another was conducted for Legionnaires during the Washington Conference. Those attending this year's National Convention in Baltimore can also take part in an "Open Forum" on Monday, Sept. 4, 1989, in the Convention Center.

The release of the study sparked a major video and film production effort to bring the findings, and the

tragic facts of real life situations among Vietnam veterans, to a greater number of Legion members and other interested individuals. The program, "A Time For Action," has been widely distributed.

As the Legion membership effort gained momentum toward the goal of 3 million members, the Public Relations Commission developed a series of articles for all internal publications designed to increase motivation for recruiting new members. Additionally, a special video presentation was distributed to all Departments in January with requests to have it shown to as wide a Legion audience as possible. Response to the personal message from the Commander was tremendous and consideration is being given to developing additional messages of this nature in the future.

As the Chairman of the Public Relations Commission, I represented our members at meetings of the Veterans Planning and Coordinating Committee and the Policy Coordination and Action Group. Our Commission continues to employ the widest variety of communications technology and detailed media planning in the on-going efforts of these groups.

The National Convention Festival continues to be a major event for the Public Relations Commission. The 1989 Festival will be held indoors for the first time. The Labor Day event in the Baltimore Convention Center provides a venue within walking distance of all downtown hotels, will not be affected by weather extremes, and certainly provides a variety of excellent



National Commander's Public Relations Award presented to entertainer Lee Greenwood. PR Commission chairman Tom Kouyeas (DC) assists National Commander H.G. "Sparky" Gierke in presentation during Washington Conference.



POW/MIA flag arrives by skydiver during ceremony of 1988 National Convention Festival in Louisville, Kentucky.

entertainment and family fun.

The Fourth Estate Award for 1989 will be presented during the convention to Mary Beth Pfeiffer of the Poughkeepsie Journal, Poughkeepsie, New York. A panel of professional journalist judges recommended she receive the award for a noteworthy series of editorials on the impact of solid waste disposal in New York. Additionally, a Certificate of Excellence in Journalism will be presented to National Public Radio for a three-part series: "The Crisis In Military Medicine."

Initial winners in the Department Media Awards were selected by the Commission during the Washington Conference. Awards are made for sustained coverage of Legion-interest news and events. Winners were: KLMO Radio, Longmont, CO; WJW-TV, Cleveland, OH; The Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, OK; and The Cresson Mainliner, Cresson, PA.

The 1989 National Commander's Public Relations Award was presented to entertainer Lee Greenwood. He was honored for his contributions to the USO, his efforts to increase public awareness of the Prisoner of War/Missing In Action issue, and his award-winning song: "God Bless The U.S.A."

The Commission also released a special video production of the National Anthem to nearly 300 television stations around the country. The production can be used at the beginning or end of their broadcast day. The song, sung by Sandi Patti, features a variety of Americans standing proudly at attention — many of them wearing Legion caps.



The precision U.S. Marine Drill team thrilled the crowd with their performance during the '88 festival in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Commission also handled media efforts surrounding the elevation of the Veterans Administration to Cabinet-level status and the passage of the Veterans Reassurance Act of 1988.

Several photo features were distributed to daily and weekly newspapers this year on a variety of Legion oriented topics.

The Commission continues to develop billboard programs in coordination with program commissions. Early in 1989 a billboard on drug abuse prevention was developed and is available through National Emblem Sales. The Commission is increasing marketing efforts for miniature billboards as a cost-effective method for posts to get important messages to a variety of locations.

While the activity of the Commission continued at a high level, timely and effective support for the National Commander and other Legion officers continued to be provided. Suggested speeches for patriotic holidays and other special days, along with special holiday artwork and cooperative advertisements, are available to all posts through the American Legion News Service. Publication of the *Advance* and the National Headquarters Employee publication, *Ligon*, also are Commission responsibilities.

This has been a dynamic year for the Public Relations Commission. On



Part of the nearly 7,000 people who attended the 1988 National Convention Festival performance by entertainer Lee Greenwood.

behalf of all Commission members, I thank the national officers, members of the National Executive Committee and the many commissions, committees and their division staffs for seeking Public Relations support of their important efforts. The American Legion has an important story to tell and the Public Relations Commission is meeting the challenge in a dynamic communications environment. □

Administrative Services

William D. Jackson (IN),
Executive Director

The Executive Director, whose office is located in the National Headquarters, Indianapolis, has four major responsibilities:

1) He performs such duties as may be assigned to him by the National Adjutant to assist in meeting the myriad responsibilities of that office, and during temporary absences of the National Adjutant from The American Legion National Headquarters, acts for him.

2) He heads the Administrative Services Division and through it supervises and coordinates the many administrative functions of the Indianapolis Headquarters.

3) He serves on the Personnel Committee of the Headquarters and is Chairman of the Management Review Board.

4) He coordinates EDP-Computer operations, which has a Director reporting to the Executive Director.

Included in the Administrative Services Division of the Indianapolis Headquarters are the following administrative functions: Purchasing, Shipping & Receiving, General Supply & Outgoing Mail; Library, Archives, and E. A. Blackmore Museum; Printing and Communications; Maintenance; Cafeteria; Human Resources; Finance; and Insurance.

The Administrative Services Division also provides all secretarial assistance to the executive officers of The American Legion.

COMPUTER CENTER

The Computer Center is currently

responsible for the following programs:

Revenue Enhancement selections for mailings, maintenance of Data Base and reporting system.

Updating of *The American Legion Magazine*, Membership, SAL, *Firing Line*, *Advance*, Commanders and Adjutants file, *Legislative Bulletin*, and ALNS mailing lists, and printing of labels and renewal notices.

Maintenance of the mailing lists for *The American Legion Extension Institute*, ACT, and the *Veterans Economic Guardian*.

Direct membership renewal notices and registers.

The printing of membership cards and registers, Department accounting reports, statistical information, Post questionnaire reports and Delinquent Member lists.

The printing of Department paper mailing labels.

PUFL members updating and financial checks.

Emblem Sales invoices and reports (mini-computer in Emblem Sales).

Audit control and circulation analysis report for *The American Legion Magazine*.

Inventory control and purchase order control of National Headquarters.

Direct mail solicitation program.

National Commission and Committee list.

Post Office carrier route discount processing on all Department labels and Direct Billing.

Select and create disks for Department Member Roster for input to the Department computers. Select and provide Department Membership on microfiche. □



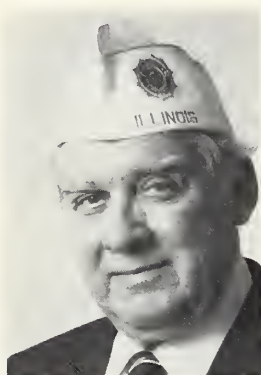
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Finance Commission

George W. Boucek (IL),
Chairman

Webber LaGrange (IN),
National Treasurer

Paul M. Allen (MN),
Director



George W. Boucek

The primary obligation of the Finance Commission is to prepare a yearly budget for submission to the National Executive Committee, the handling of funds under

that budget, and the exercise of reasonable oversight to see that the various divisions and departments of the National Organization operate within the approved appropriations. The Finance Commission is composed of seven members, with the National Adjutant as ex-officio secretary, and the National Commander and National Treasurer are ex-officio members. Also attending these meetings are the Executive Directors of our Washington and Indianapolis Offices and the Finance Director, as well as our Liaison observers from the National Executive Committee.

The National Organization had an operating surplus of \$103,127 for the year 1988. In 1988, we received \$5.50 dues per member, which is allocated as follows: \$2.75 to the General Fund; \$2.50 to The American Legion Magazine; and \$.25 to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

The income of the National Organization is derived from annual membership dues, interest on investments, Magazine advertisements, Emblem sales, contributions, and other approved activities.

A full financial statement is

incorporated in the auditor's report, and in addition, your attention is directed to the reports of committees and trusts which come under the jurisdiction of this Commission. These reports can be found elsewhere in this program.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation

American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee

American Legion Emblem Committee

American Legion Overseas Graves Decoration Trust

Condensed Report On National Emblem Sales Division

Frank Johnston (IL),
Chairman

Alfred L. Lankenau (IN),
General Manager

The American Legion emblem is the exclusive property of the National Headquarters. The sale of the emblem, emblem pins, merchandise carrying the emblem and other items of organizational equipment is the responsibility of the National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The following tables show gross sales, net earnings, etc., for the entire calendar year 1988 and for the first three months of 1989.

January 1, to December 31, 1988
(12 months)

Gross Sales	\$5,750,766
Cost of Goods Sold	3,373,551
Overhead	1,570,125
Operating Profit	807,090

(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1988 was 14,944.)

January 1, to March 31, 1989
(3 months)

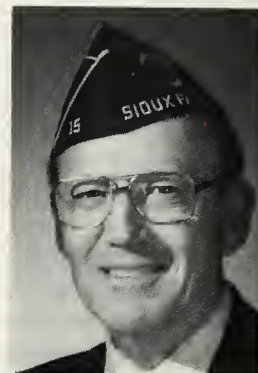
Gross Sales	\$1,649,957
Cost of Goods Sold	1,024,780
Overhead	417,343
Operating Profit	207,834

(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1988 was 16,741.) □

National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

Wm. F. Lenker (SD),
Chairman

John F. Sommer, Jr. (OH),
Director



William F. Lenker

During the past year there have been some critical challenges, some major legislative accomplishments and the completion of landmark research in the

area of veterans affairs.

The American Legion succeeded where the government had failed in completing a Vietnam veterans study that examines the effects of Agent Orange exposure. The American Legion and Columbia University Vietnam Veterans Study also examined the psychological and socioeconomic impact of combat, and the satisfaction levels of those in the study population with the way in which the Department of Veterans Affairs administers benefits and medical care.

The findings of the study were announced by National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke, during a Press Conference in Washington, DC on November 11, 1988. The American Legion spent over five years, more than \$80,000 and thousands of volunteer hours in conducting the study, which has provided the direction for the Federal Government and others to follow.

The American Legion also takes great pride in the fact that Public Law



National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke, presented the National Hospital Volunteer Worker award to Herbert Brusven of North Dakota during the winter conference held in Washington, DC.

100-687, the "Veterans Judicial Review Act," contains a substantial number of the provisions that were included in H.R. 5039, the "Veterans Reassurance Act of 1988," which was introduced in the Congress on behalf of this organization. One of those provisions called for a board that is totally independent of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to review veterans cases that have been denied by VA. The Court of Veterans Appeals, established by PL 100-687, largely embodies the Legion's philosophy that such an entity should be free of political, economic and budgetary constraints and not bound by the regulations, guidelines and administrative determinations of VA. The law also ensures the review of regulations and other constitutional issues in the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. This Act additionally contains improvements in due process procedures, and strengthened quality control, and provides presumptions for disabilities caused by exposure to atomic radiation. All in all, this law contains over seventy provisions relating to veterans benefits, services and medical care.

The funding situation in the VA medical care system reached crisis proportions during the past year. Funding over the past several years has not kept up with the increasing demand for care, newly legislated medical programs, government imposed cost savings initiatives, or the rate of medical inflation. As a result of this decremental funding, the Chief

Medical Director and his subordinates have taken drastic steps to curtail spending — which have been detrimental to veterans seeking medical care.

Recognizing the seriousness of the funding shortfall, which is estimated to exceed \$1 billion, the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission initiated a survey of all VA medical center directors in late November 1988. Every one of the 159 directors in the system responded to the detailed questionnaire that was mailed to them.

A summary of the results shows:

- A vast majority (135 out of 159) of the directors had begun eliminating medical care to Category B and C veterans;

- Seventy-two facilities were experiencing delays in specialty clinic appointments;

- A total of 113 hospitals had either reduced or terminated community nursing home care contracts;

- Elective surgery delays were common in 85 facilities;

- A majority of medical centers had initiated various pharmacy service reductions;

- Directors at 133 facilities reported deficits in non-recurring funding for maintenance, equipment and supplies;

- 2,652 hospital beds had closed since July 1, 1988 (this is in addition to the more than 13,000 closed beds reported by the House Committee on Veterans Affairs in July 1988).

The American Legion made a



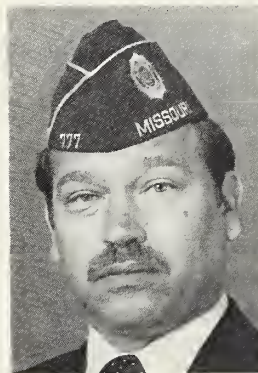
Anthony J. Principi, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs addressed the annual VA&R conference in Washington, DC during the winter meetings.

concerted effort to ensure that a supplemental appropriation for medical care would be enacted, and that additional funding — over and above that proposed by the Administration — will be appropriated for fiscal year 1990, which begins on October 1, 1989. This is a terribly important issue, and one which could determine the future course of the provision of medical care to veterans. □

National Economic Commission

Joe Frank Jr. (MO),
Chairman

James B. Hubbard (MI),
Director



Joe Frank, Jr.

The National Economic Commission and its two standing Committees on Employment and Veterans Preference are responsible for ensuring that

America's veterans have the opportunity to provide, with honor and dignity, the economic necessities of life for themselves and their families. In order to achieve this goal, the Commission and its Committees maintain a close working relationship with such governmental agencies as the Department of Labor, the Office of Personnel Management, the Small Business Administration, as well as the Loan Guaranty and Vocational Rehabilitation and Education Services of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

The Commission's staff, in conjunction with that of the National

Legislative Commission, also works with Congress on legislative matters that would promote employment and training opportunities for veterans or otherwise improve the quality of services and benefits as provided by Chapters 21, 31, 37, 41, 42, and 43 of Title 38, United States Code.

During the past year, the Commission and its staff experienced a number of changes. In October of 1988 and February of 1989 respectively a new Chairman and Director were appointed. The staff secretary and stenographer also resigned during the year. Both of those vacancies have recently been filled.

Despite the disruptions that resulted from these changes in leadership and staffing, the National Economic Commission continued to function effectively and to meet its mandates. A brief synopsis of the Commission's concerns and activities during this past year follows:

Although the national unemployment rate is currently the lowest that it has been in several years, many thousands of veterans are still experiencing problems with unemployment and underemployment. The Commission is particularly concerned about the growing number of veterans who are homeless and those that have become dislocated workers.

Estimates based on recent studies indicate that there are somewhere between 350,000 and 2,200,000 homeless persons living in America. While there is a vast disparity in these figures, one thing that the researchers do agree on is that at least one-third of all homeless are veterans. Further, they agree that at least a third of these veterans served during the Vietnam era.

During the 29th Annual Washington Conference the National Economic Commission hosted a panel discussion on homeless veterans. The purpose of this panel discussion was to inform the Commission's members about the seriousness of the problem. Secondly, it was hoped that the members would get some good, concrete ideas about what their posts and departments could do to assist homeless veterans.

The six member panel consisted of representatives from VA and the Department of Housing and Urban



There was a panel discussion held on the homeless veterans during the Washington Conference held in February of this year.

Development. Also on the panel were Dr. Daniel "Ray" Cloutier, the former Director of Jobs for Homeless Veterans; J. Paul Molloy, Esq., the founder of Oxford House; and Mr. Ronald F. Conley, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman from the Department of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Cloutier, who served as the panel's moderator, stated that a recent VA study of homeless veterans showed that nearly 80 percent had a general psychiatric and/or substance abuse problem. He also pointed out that the median age of a homeless veteran is the mid-40s, while that of all homeless people is 34. Unfortunately, both medians are dropping.

Mr. Molloy shared information on Oxford House, which he founded in 1977. It is a self-supporting, self-sustaining and self-governing form of halfway house for recovering alcohol and drug abusers. Currently there are 18 Oxford Houses operating in the Washington, DC area. Four of these houses are for women.

One of the major differences between Oxford House and other halfway houses is that the residents can remain there as long as they do not use drugs or alcohol and pay their share of the rent. According to Mr. Molloy, the problem with conventional halfway houses is that they have a set length of time that residents may stay. Generally this is from 60 to 180 days. For some residents this period of time is not long enough for them to obtain a job and do the other things that are necessary for them to put their lives back together. As a result, many of these individuals once again find themselves without a home and return to their old patterns of alcohol and drug abuse.

Mr. Molloy suggested that it would be easy for Legion posts to open similar houses for veterans who are recovering from alcohol or drug abuse. According to him, all that the post would have to do is to find a suitable rental house and provide the money for the first month's rent and the security deposit, which is generally equal to one month's rent. From that point on, the residents are responsible for paying their own rent.

Mr. Conley discussed a pilot project that was recently undertaken by The American Legion in Pennsylvania. Realizing that homelessness among veterans in the Pittsburgh area was a serious problem, and that many of the veterans who were being discharged from the local VA hospital had no place to go, the Department set up the Pennsylvania American Legion Housing for Homeless Veterans Corporation. The Corporation located a group of four rowhouses in the VA's foreclosed property inventory and purchased them for \$20,000.00. Besides furnishing the money for the purchase of the Pittsburgh property, the Department also provided an additional \$6,000.00 to cover the closing and renovation costs.

Today, these four units provide temporary housing for up to 10 veterans who are either seeking employment or who are enrolled in courses or training that will prepare them for the job market. During their stay, these veterans continue to receive health care and counseling from the VA.

As mentioned earlier, the National Economic Commission is also deeply concerned about the growing number of veterans who have become dislocated workers. Many of these individuals are older veterans who find it difficult to obtain new employment because of the fact that age discrimination in hiring still exists. Another problem is that many of these veterans do not have the resources necessary to obtain job training or retraining on their own.

At the present time approximately 15 percent of this country's labor force is made up of veterans. However, according to a report that was released earlier this year by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, nearly 25 percent of all dislocated workers are veterans.



Donald E. Shasteen, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Employment and Training was a speaker during the National Economic Commission meetings held in Washington in February of 1989.

Based on this information, and the Commission's mandates, the Legion recently testified before Congress and asked that the funding for other portions of the Job Training Partnership Act be reallocated to Title IV(c) of that act, which pertains to training for veterans.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The National Economics Commission, and its two Committees, met in general session during the Washington Conference on Monday, February 27 and Wednesday, March 1, 1989 in the Dover Room of the Sheraton Washington Hotel. In addition to the panel discussion on homeless veterans, the Commission members were also addressed by the following speakers:

Donald E. Shasteen, the Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment and Training, reported to the Commission on the recent publication of a Department of Labor document entitled "Workforce 2000 and America's Veterans." This report grew out of the findings and recommendations of the National Forum on Veterans Employment and Training Issues that was held in Washington last April. According to Shasteen, "This report should serve as a blueprint for the Secretary of Labor in the formulation of a national employment and training policy for veterans."

Robert Carbonneau, who is a Special Assistant for Veterans Programs at the

Office of Personnel Management, talked about areas of recruitment within his agency and the composition of the federal workforce.

In the federal sector, 48 percent of all jobs are for either professional or skilled workers and this percentage will continue to increase in the future. He went on to say that OPM expects that by the year 2000 there will be many vacancies in government because of a lack of skilled workers to fill them. Carbonneau acknowledged, however, that the key factor will be local labor markets as demographics change.

With respect to obtaining and retaining qualified federal employees, Carbonneau reported that Career America, Phase II, is in place. The recruitment goals of this new initiative include improved image, professionalized recruiting and greater compensation.

Dr. Dennis Wyant, the VA's Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation and Education Service, briefed the Commission members on a recent change in Chapter 31 of Title 38 United States Code, which now allows veterans who are participating in a vocational rehabilitation program to perform the work experience portion of their training in any state or local government agency that receives federal financial assistance. Previously this training could only be performed in a federal agency. As a result, veterans will now have more flexibility in fulfilling this portion of their rehabilitation.

Keith Pedigo, who is the Director of the VA's Loan Guaranty Service, noted that during the past three months there has been a decline of some five-point-eight percent in the number of foreclosures on VA backed mortgages. Pedigo stated that an improved economy in the Southwest is probably one of the major factors responsible for this reversal. He also provided an update on the status of proposed legislation that is currently being considered by Congress that would help to make the VA home loan program more financially self supporting.

Richard Ellis, Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs at the Small Business Administration, spoke at length about the computerized equipment that has recently been

purchased by his office and how this equipment will assist the veteran who is interested in going into business for himself. During the presentation, Ralph Murphey, who is a Special Assistant to Mr. Ellis, demonstrated the "Business Disk," which is an interactive learning device. This laser disk not only provides the veteran with information on how to go about starting a business, but also assists him or her in preparing a business plan.

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

A special five member Employer Awards Subcommittee, which was made up of members of the Commission and its two Committees, was convened on February 28, 1989. The purpose of that subcommittee was to review all of the nominations that had been received in the Employer of the Year Awards Program during 1988, and to select a winner and a runner-up in both the large and small employer categories. Representatives from the two winning companies will be invited to come to the 71st National Convention to receive the National Employer Awards.

The members of the subcommittee considered 38 employer nominations from 23 departments. Of these nominations, 16 were for small and 15 were for large employers. The remaining seven nominations (six large and one small) were, for one reason or another, ineligible for the national awards.

At the completion of their deliberations, the subcommittee



Dr. Dennis Wyant, director of VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Society, speaking to the National Economic Commission during the Washington Conference held in February of 1989.

discussed ways in which to improve departmental participation in the Employer Awards Program and also offered a set of guidelines which will be sent out to departments to provide guidance in selecting nominees. □

The American Legion Magazine Commission

Milford A. Forrester (SC),
Chairman

Daniel S. Wheeler (VA),
Publisher/Editor-in-Chief



Milford A. Forrester
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of a trade advertising program to promote The American Legion magazine and the veterans' market, and the Legion's investment in modern sales tools and a trained staff of advertising professionals.

Part and parcel of any advertising success in the publications business is editorial excellence. Most advertisers want to be positioned in a publication that reflects mainstream values and employs contemporary design techniques to enhance reader interest and participation. Editorial excellence is a continual goal of the Magazine's management. While excellence is a journey and not a destination, major strides in that direction were taken in 1988-89 through the publication of articles written by such well-known Americans as Lee Iacocca, Richard Perle, William Webster, Frank Carlucci, George Bush and many others. These and many other prominent leaders have chosen to speak to America through The American Legion Magazine.

Also during the past year, the Magazine has continued to increase both the amount and depth of coverage about Legion and veterans affairs. A column highlighting the many activities of the Legion — Your American Legion — was recently initiated, as well as in-depth coverage of PNC Comer's and National Commander Gierke's trips to Central America. Furthermore, a series on the significance of The American Legion/Columbia University Study of Vietnam Veterans was reported. And, for the first time ever, the July American Legion Magazine was a single theme issue about veterans affairs and benefits.

During the coming year, the Magazine will be focusing on increasing advertising revenues past the \$6,000,000 mark, while keeping other operational areas on a sound fiscal basis. There will be continued emphasis on high-quality, interesting, and substantive editorial content about national and international issues. And reportage on veterans affairs and Legion mandates will remain a priority.

Our goal for 1989-90 is to find innovative ways to make The American Legion Magazine the best it has ever been. This process of steady improvement and adjustment to the needs of the membership is, we

believe, what our founders had in mind when, in 1926, they directed that "The American Legion Magazine shall be built into an institution of public service, not alone for The American Legion, but for all Americans, which shall be one of the enduring monuments of this organization." □

Foreign Relations Commission

William M. Detweiler, (LA),
Chairman

G. Michael Schlee (MD),
Director



William M. Detweiler

This year, the Foreign Relations Commission has placed priority effort on building support for emerging democracies in Central America,

opposing communist domination of that vital region, assessing changes in US-Soviet relations, and expanding public awareness of the POW/MIA issue.

National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke urged implementation of The American Legion's foreign relations program during his meetings with Secretary of State Shultz and Congressional leaders. Other methods of program implementation included cooperation with the Legislative Division in seeking legislative action and articles published in *The American Legion Magazine* on such topics as the Panama Canal and US-Soviet relations.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Dr. Timothy W. Stanley, President,
International Economic Institute,

described and analyzed the reforms instituted in the Soviet Union by President Gorbachev. Dr. Stanley has made several visits to Russia in the past few years to study developments. He recommended a two-track response by the West to Gorbachev's initiatives. One track would be positive actions to encourage desirable changes in the Soviet Union; the other track would be continued actions to maintain strong deterrent forces in case the Soviets resume an aggressive stance.

Mr. Arthur Berger, Public Affairs Adviser, Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Department of State, presented an update on the Middle East. He reviewed the Iran-Iraq War ceasefire, the Arab-Israeli conflict and negotiations, the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank, and the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. He emphasized that no outside force will be able to impose a settlement of the Arab-darasli conflict.

Ambassador Lynn Hansen, Assistant Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, discussed the Stockholm Conference of 1986, the negotiations for reduction of conventional forces in Europe, and control of chemical weapons. At Stockholm, NATO and the Warsaw Pact agreed to procedures for pre-announcement of large-scale military activities and on-site inspection of them by other countries. This was the first time the Soviets had agreed to on-site inspections.

POW/MIA

A Southeast Asia POW/MIA Update was presented during the Washington Conference. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs David Lambertson spoke on how the POW/MIA issue relates to overall US foreign policy in the region. He stated that the United States will not normalize relations with Vietnam until it withdraws from Cambodia. The POW/MIA issue is treated as a separate humanitarian issue; however, the Vietnamese understand that there will be no normalization until they provide a full accounting for all American POW/MIAs. Mrs. Ann Mills Griffiths, Executive Director of the National League of POW/MIA Families,



National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke meets with former Secretary of State George P. Shultz to discuss Legion foreign relations mandates.

discussed specific developments in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

The Special POW/MIA Committee met during the Washington Conference to review activities for 1988 and plan for 1989. The Public Awareness Program for 1989 will include emphasis on the "write Hanoi" campaign, participation in POW/MIA commemorations on designated holidays, participation in National POW/MIA Recognition day ceremonies in September, support for issuance of a POW/MIA stamp by the U.S. Postal Service, and publication of articles on the POW/MIA issue.

FOREIGN RELATIONS BRIEFING

The new Foreign Relations Briefing, 1989 has been distributed to each Department Adjutant. It replaces the Foreign Relations Briefing produced in 1986. The new briefing lasts about 25 minutes. It highlights the foreign relations resolutions adopted at the 70th National Convention, explains the rationale for The American Legion's interest in foreign relations, outlines how the Foreign Relations Program operates, includes a brief summary of the Auxiliary's activities in the international field, and presents some ideas on how Legionnaires can get involved in supporting a strong Foreign Relations Program. VCR tapes of the brief are available for loan from the

Public Relations Division or purchase from National Emblem Sales.

FOREIGN RELATIONS HANDBOOK

The Foreign Relations Commission published a Foreign Relations Handbook to assist Department Foreign Relations Chairmen in conducting their programs. The handbook will be updated annually in the future. □

National Legislative Commission

Dominic D. DiFrancesco (PA),
Chairman

E. Philip Riffin (MD),
Director



Dominic D. DiFrancesco

The primary mission of the National Legislative Commission is to promote the legislative mandates of The American Legion before the Congress of the United

States. The legislative program is dictated by resolutions adopted at either a National Convention or meetings of the National Executive Committee.

The Legislative Commission does not set policy for The American Legion. The Commission, through its Washington, DC legislative staff, concentrates its efforts on carrying out Legion objectives. The National Legislative News Bulletin and other Legion publications help to keep the members of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary abreast of Congressional activity affecting veterans and their families.

As a result of National Convention

and National Executive Committee action, there are more than 200 active resolutions which establish the organization's positions on issues before Congress. These issues range from immigration policy to military weaponry. In order to properly communicate Legion opinion on all these matters, it is expected that the Commission staff will present testimony on 50-60 occasions during 1989.

Since the 1988 National Convention dozens of the organization's legislative objectives have been met. One of them — the creation of a federal Department of Veterans Affairs — had been a Legion goal for more than a decade. On March 15, 1989 the new Department became a reality following the enactment of Public Law 100-527 in October 1988. Another historic measure, Public Law 100-678 enacted a month later, improved the consideration process of veterans claims by creating an independent Court of Veterans Appeals and authorizing other necessary refinements. When combining these two major accomplishments with more than 40 other Legion-endorsed provisions that became public law, 1988 can be characterized as a truly historic legislative year.

As the 101st Congress convened in January 1989, a number of stark budgetary realities confronted the veterans community. Much of the Commission's work thus far in 1989 has been directed toward dealing with those realities. Although it is a bit too early to fairly evaluate our success on the budgetary front, we are confident that Congress will clearly recognize and effectively address VA's financial plight, particularly in the health care area.

Apart from our active involvement in the budgetary debate on Capitol Hill, our organization's legislative priorities in 1989 will affect a wide variety of federal programs. They include the veterans home loan program, lobbying activities of former government officials, several tax matters, veterans job training, U.S. policy in Central America, immigration, Agent Orange issues, drug interdiction, military personnel matters and the conduct of intelligence operations.

We expect 1989 to be a long and difficult year. Much of the year will be

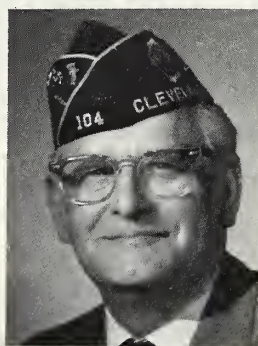
spent as an adjustment period, one in which a number of new congressional leaders will be required to adjust to one another while they simultaneously work to forge a relationship with the new White House administration. These conditions will inevitably create delays in the congressional business agenda, particularly on money matters.

The Legislative Commission knows that our organization's legislative portfolio will encounter a series of challenges this year, but these challenges, through determination and hard work, can be transformed into opportunities. The Commission, therefore, urges all Convention delegates to communicate with their congressional members on matters of critical importance to The American Legion. □

National Security Commission

Roger A. Munson (OH),
Chairman

G. Michael Schlee (MD),
Director



Roger A. Munson

The National Security Commission, its Standing Committees and the National Security Council had a very active year in 1988-89.

On August 31, 1988, 131 members of the National Security Commission, their guests and other interested Legionnaires departed from Louisville's Standiford Airport for Clarksville, Tennessee to visit Fort Campbell, home of the Army's 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). The purpose of the two-day visit was to assess the Division's

capabilities, status of air assault training, and to view the equipment, primarily aviation assets, organic to the Army's only Air Assault Division.

The visit began with Chairman Munson laying an American Legion wreath at the Gander Memorial honoring those 101st Airborne troopers who lost their lives in an air crash in Newfoundland. The ceremonial group was accompanied by the Division Command Sergeant Major. Following the ceremony, the group was welcomed by the Division Chief of Staff and a Division Capabilities overview briefing was presented.

After lunch at Division Headquarters, Legionnaires were thoroughly indoctrinated in Air Assault training and techniques. Besides the rigorous physical training Program, Air Assault School cadre demonstrated rappelling techniques and were accompanied by several Legionnaires who volunteered to rappel off the training tower. School instructors explained Pathfinder operations and the rigging of cargo for aerial delivery. Additionally, the group viewed Air Assault students rappelling from hovering helicopters, and afterwards reviewed static displays of rotary wing aircraft organic to the Division.

That evening, the Commission hosted a dinner banquet at the Fort Campbell Officer's Club for military and civilian dignitaries. An American Legion Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Assistant Division Commander on behalf of the outstanding men and women of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Air Assault badges were also presented to all Legionnaires and their guests as mementos of their first-hand participation in this specialized training.

On the following day, the Commission received an orientation and extensive displays from elements of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). This was followed by a walk-through of the Division's Don Pratt Museum which traced the heritage of the Division back to its World War II and Vietnam years. The group also received an orientation on its new medical facility.

After the tour at Fort Campbell, Commission members were treated to a luncheon at Carlisle Orange American Legion Post 116 in Princeton,



District Deputy Commanders, Department of Pennsylvania, presented The American Legion Gold Medal for Scholastic Excellence to Air Force Cadet Scott Holmes, a civil engineering major from Philadelphia at the annual Joint Air Force-Army Commissioning ceremony at Lehigh University.

Kentucky. Chairman Roger Munson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Post Commander for the Post's outstanding service and hospitality during the Pre-Convention trip.

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS

The National Security Commission met at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 3, in a joint session with the Foreign Relations Commission. Mr. George High, Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs reported on peace initiatives through the world. During the joint session, Mr. Robert Thompson, Vice President and General Manager of the Space Division at McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company presented an update of the United States Space Station Program. The U.S. effort is the major thrust of a combined multinational Program which is expected to cost approximately \$30 billion over the short term. Lieutenant Colonel Peter Reilly from the State Department presented a Central America update. Colonel Reilly cited the menace of the

Nicaraguan Marxist regime and particularly praised the democratic efforts of the Government of El Salvador. General Richard L. Lawson, USAF (Ret.), and currently President of the National Coal Association, addressed U.S. energy developments. His report included the need for the United States to reduce its reliance on foreign oil and to develop viable and cost-effective energy alternatives.

During the afternoon session, the Commission and the standing committees conducted a review of the resolutions submitted to the 70th National Convention of The American Legion. No other business was conducted.

BLOOD DONOR ACTIVITIES

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary continue to be principal sources of supply for blood. Through our vast network of Posts and Units organized into Department programs, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members through a variety of programs continue to supply the blood needs of their own members, hospitalized veterans and through cooperative agreements to patients in civilian hospitals. In this past year, the program has continued to grow.

NATIONAL COMMANDER AWARDS

To stimulate activities on the part of Departments and Posts, annual awards are made by the National Commander. In the period from June 1, 1988 through May 31, 1989, many Departments of The American Legion actively participated in the Blood Donor program. The criteria for the National Commander's Awards for Post and individual participation was based on Resolution 14, adopted at the Spring meeting, May 8-9, 1985 of the National Executive Committee. The resolution provides that departments be placed in one of five groups based on the size of the department, using criteria established by the Membership and Post Activities Committee. Each participating Department has received a certificate of recognition signed by National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer and National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle.

ROTC MEDALS

Departments having ROTC units supported ROTC programs by either awarding or encouraging Posts under their jurisdiction to award and participate in The American Legion's ROTC Medal Program. Response to this program has been outstanding. During the period from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988, 6,000 medals were awarded to deserving ROTC and Junior ROTC candidates. Presentations of medals were made to ROTC units in 40 states and the District of Columbia.

PAUL H. GRIFFITH ROTC TROPHY

The National Executive Committee at their October 1975 meeting approved Resolution 21 which established the Paul H. Griffith Trophy for the ROTC program in their states during the year. The trophy honors the memory of Past National Commander Paul H. Griffith, who served as an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and throughout his lifetime maintained an active interest and participation in our nation's defense.

Criterion for judging the winner of the trophy is based on the Department giving the greatest degree of support to ROTC programs to include the number of medals presented and Legion participation in award day ceremonies. Last year's winner of the Paul H. Griffith Trophy was the Department of Minnesota. □

**Visit The
BLOOD DONOR CENTER
At The
Baltimore
Convention Center
Mezzanine Level
Monday, September 4
11:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday
September 5 & 6
8:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.**

Affiliated Organizations

Sixty-nine years ago the American Legion Auxiliary was formed to benefit veterans and their families. And, this past year, the members of the world's largest patriotic organization of women proved that their purpose is still clear and their dedication as strong as ever.

National President Alice Galka selected as her special project for 1988-89, the USO, an organization which has functioned as a friend to the serviceman and woman for more than 40 years. Mrs. Galka has dedicated this past year to raising \$100,000 for USO centers abroad.

This is not the only way the women of the Auxiliary showed their continued dedication to the serviceman. In the past year, \$4.2 million was expended to assist 612,326 veterans in various ways. More than 3.39 million hours of volunteer time were donated by more than 100,000 caring women.

In addition, the well-known symbol of the Auxiliary's involvement with veterans — the red crepe paper poppy — proved to be a successful program again. Funds from the Poppy program are used only for our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation projects and to provide an income for hospitalized veterans who carefully create the delicate paper flowers. Donations for poppies totaled \$2.5 million.

Another priority of the Auxiliary is to assist our nation's children. That is accomplished in several different ways. Almost \$970,000 worth of scholarships were awarded to students who will pursue a higher education. This includes \$113,376 in nursing scholarships awarded by the Past Presidents Parley. Direct aid of \$1 million was given to children and contributions totaling another \$1 million were made to organizations who assist children.

In addition, Auxiliary members provided 78 scholarships to high school students to attend the Americanism Youth Conference at Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, Penn. Other longstanding programs geared to promote the ideals of democracy and patriotism, Girls State

and Girls Nations, were deemed a success. About 20,000 young women, who are preparing to start their senior year in high school, benefited from this program. Of those, 94 young women were selected to attend Girls Nation earning the title of "senator" and getting the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. for a week-long intensive study of federal government.

Also revived this year due to the receipt of a grant from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, was the Auxiliary's comic book "The Secret of Animal Island". The educational comic was so well-received when it was introduced two years ago that requests were still being made even though funding for additional printings of the comic book had not been available since 1987.

Junior members, young women under the age of 18, who are trained in leadership, showed their dedication to our nation's veterans by contributing 37,000 hours in VA medical centers, nursing homes and homebound programs. They also were active in Community Service programs volunteering 44,839 hours and Children and Youth activities volunteering 25,513 hours.

The Auxiliary and The American Legion have long been known as organizations interested in bettering the communities of their members, thus strengthening the United States. In that vein, the Community Service program of the Auxiliary has always been popular and this year is no exception. About \$1.79 million was contributed by members to projects that lead to the beautification, betterment or refinement of communities.

The Community Service focus on the national level was three-fold this past year: breast cancer awareness, hospice and participation in the Legion's blood donor program. Auxiliary members are being encouraged to contribute during the Legion's third annual convention blood drive in Baltimore. The new breast

cancer awareness project was an overwhelming success. A total of 4,023 Units reported having some type of program associated with the project and more than 42,000 members reported having mammograms. A total of 2,594 Units reported participation in some hospice programs. And, 13,754 volunteers gave 157,879 hours of service traveling 357,000 miles and spending \$132,000 to promote hospice care.

Auxiliary members are proud to be known as flag-wavers and they showed their true colors this past year by distributing 72,317 American flags. In addition, members honored 14,850 newly-naturalized citizens and wrote or contacted state or federal legislators more than 36,500 times.

The Eight and Forty, an affiliate of the Auxiliary, worked diligently to support their own programs and those of the Legion and Auxiliary. Dedicated to assisting children with respiratory illnesses, the Partners of the Eight and Forty have served more than 18,500 children with tuberculosis through 12,277 hours of volunteer service and 102,350 children with cystic fibrosis through 16,472 hours of volunteer service. Financial contributions to fight various lung diseases totaled \$95,000. Contributions to National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine, a longtime special project of the Partners, amounted to \$52,000.

The women of the Auxiliary have a deep appreciation for their fellow members and understand the special needs of the membership. Consequently, about \$120,000 was contributed for grants to Displaced Homemakers and Auxiliary Emergency Fund recipients. About 135 members received timely assistance from these funds.

Once again the members of the American Legion Auxiliary showed they are proud of their veterans, proud of their country and proud of their affiliations with this one million member organization. □



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. H. F. Gierke, National Commander
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1988 and 1987, and the related statements of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances and financial position for the year ended December 31, 1988. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Legion's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant financial estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1988 and 1987, and the results of its operations, changes in its fund balances and financial position for the year ended December 31, 1988, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Geo. S. Olive & Co.
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 30, 1989

PRACTICE OFFICE LOCATIONS
INDIANAPOLIS
BLOOMINGTON
EVANSVILLE

FORT WAYNE
HIGHLAND
MERRILLVILLE

MUNCIE
RICHMOND
VALPARAISO

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN GROUP
OF CPA FIRMS WITH
OFFICES IN PRINCIPAL U.S. CITIES

MEMBER OF CUNNINGHAM ROBSON
MCGLOTHRY & PULLEN
WITH OFFICES INTERNATIONALLY

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Balance

		December 31	
		1988	1987
Assets			
Current Fund:			
Cash		\$ 450,222	\$ 301,7
Accounts receivable:			
Emblem Division		122,880	88,9
Publications Division		652,332	541,5
Other		136,176	703,9
Accrued interest on investments		205,455	202,5
Inventories:			
Emblem Division		844,733	826,4
Publications Division		977,958	917,9
Prepaid expenses and supplies		292,759	267,3
Prepaid pension expense		1,702,610	1,337,1
Deferred membership expense		156,558	139,7
Deferred direct membership solicitation expense		3,654,646	2,560,9
Deferred revenue enhancement expense		529,651	762,7
Postal deposits		50,000	52,0
		<u>9,775,980</u>	<u>8,703,1</u>
Investments—note 2:			
Segregated for Designated Funds		11,507,759	10,761,6
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building		591,782	562,6
Other		16,785,916	18,212,0
		<u>28,885,457</u>	<u>29,536,3</u>
Property and equipment:			
Land — Indianapolis parking lot		238,359	
Washington, D.C. real estate:			
Land		80,000	80,0
Building		1,253,521	1,253,5
Construction in progress — building renovation		734,652	
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment in:			
National Headquarters building,			
Indianapolis, Indiana		2,360,131	2,318,5
Washington, D.C. building		590,775	557,2
		<u>5,257,438</u>	<u>4,209,3</u>
Deduct: Accumulated depreciation and amortization		2,687,583	2,507,6
		<u>2,569,855</u>	<u>1,701,6</u>
		<u>41,231,292</u>	<u>39,941,1</u>
Nonexpendable Funds—note 6:			
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:			
Cash		30,695	21,9
Accrued interest on investments		14,655	11,8
Investments		696,947	664,0
		<u>742,297</u>	<u>697,8</u>
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:			
Cash		—	221,8
Accrued interest on investments		130,505	94,6
Investments		7,826,192	6,674,9
		<u>7,956,697</u>	<u>6,991,4</u>
		<u>\$49,930,286</u>	<u>\$47,630,4</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Sheet

Exhibit A

Liabilities and Funds	December 31	
	1988	1987
Current Fund:		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,012,625	\$ 1,027,232
Capitalized lease obligations—note 3	79,218	98,764
Deposits on Emblem merchandise sales	162,611	159,862
Funds in transit to The American Legion		
Life Insurance Trust	401,875	793,855
Deferred dues income	12,632,207	12,169,143
Deferred income—direct membership solicitation	1,321,815	414,201
Deferred revenue enhancement income	275,233	815,907
Accrued vacation benefits	347,529	340,943
Provision for health insurance liability	45,000	44,984
Other liabilities	83,088	77,137
Total liabilities	<u>16,361,201</u>	<u>15,942,028</u>
Fund balances—notes 4 and 5:		
Restricted funds:		
Oratorical Contest Fund	154,722	150,849
Other restricted funds	88,952	(20,683)
Designated funds:		
The Restricted Fund	9,334,750	8,590,946
The Reserve Fund	2,173,009	2,170,661
	<u>11,751,433</u>	<u>10,891,773</u>
Appropriated funds	1,541,977	1,541,977
Unappropriated	11,576,681	11,565,334
Total fund balances	<u>24,870,091</u>	<u>23,999,084</u>
	<u>41,231,292</u>	<u>39,941,112</u>
Nonexpendable Funds—note 6:		
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:		
Fund balance	<u>742,297</u>	<u>697,897</u>
	<u>742,297</u>	<u>697,897</u>
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:		
Fund balance	<u>7,956,697</u>	<u>6,991,434</u>
	<u>7,956,697</u>	<u>6,991,434</u>
	<u>\$49,930,286</u>	<u>\$47,630,443</u>

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Statement of Revenue, Expenses Current

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	Unappropriated	Appropriate Funds
Revenue:		
National dues	\$15,872,806	
Sales of Emblem items	5,749,768	
Advertising revenue	5,544,999	
Investment income	1,438,073	
Direct membership solicitation	1,175,215	
Revenue enhancement	867,321	
American Legion Endowment Fund		
Corporation income—note 7	562,025	
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion		
Life Insurance Trust—note 8	901,736	
Other restricted income	177,387	
Other income	1,588,364	
	<u>33,877,694</u>	
Expenses:		
Salaries	6,703,741	
Employee benefits—note 9	962,417	
Cost of sales	4,211,955	
Direct publication expenses	9,947,715	
Executive and staff travel	682,529	
Commission and committee	1,080,707	
Operational	4,388,705	
Office	3,024,682	
Occupancy	863,252	
Special projects and programs	2,000,644	
	<u>33,866,347</u>	
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	11,347	
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	11,565,334	\$1,541,977
Interfund Transfers—note 4	—	—
Fund Balances, End of Year	<u>\$11,576,681</u>	<u>\$1,541,977</u>
See notes to financial statements.		

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Sheet 1

December 31

		1987
Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Current Fund	Total Current Fund
	\$15,872,806	\$15,573,694
	5,749,768	5,216,177
	5,544,999	5,141,562
\$ 746,152	2,184,225	2,309,386
	1,175,215	2,050,336
	867,321	376,644
	562,025	569,256
109,000	1,010,736	956,207
22,349	199,736	292,679
100,372	1,688,736	1,092,451
<u>977,873</u>	<u>34,855,567</u>	<u>33,578,392</u>
	6,703,741	6,477,623
	962,417	683,448
	4,211,955	3,828,116
	9,947,715	8,991,127
	682,529	573,582
	1,080,707	1,211,572
	4,388,705	4,579,213
	3,024,682	3,407,201
	863,252	797,921
<u>118,213</u>	<u>2,118,857</u>	<u>2,034,432</u>
<u>118,213</u>	<u>33,984,560</u>	<u>32,584,235</u>
859,660	871,007	994,157
10,891,773	23,999,084	23,004,927
<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
<u>\$11,751,433</u>	<u>\$24,870,091</u>	<u>\$23,999,084</u>
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Statement of Revenue, Expenses, Designated and Year Ended

	Designated Funds	
	The Restricted Fund	The Reserve Fund
Revenue:		
Investment income	\$ 743,804	\$ 2,348
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust—note 8		
Restricted contributions		
Other income		
	<u>743,804</u>	<u>2,348</u>
 Expense:		
Special projects and programs		
 Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	743,804	2,348
 Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	8,590,946	2,170,661
 Interfund Transfers—note 4		
 Fund Balances, End of Year	<u>\$9,334,750</u>	<u>\$2,173,009</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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and Changes in Fund Balances Restricted Funds December 31, 1988

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Sheet 2

Restricted Funds

Oratorical Contest Fund	Other Restricted Funds	Total Designated And Restricted Funds
		\$ 746,152
\$109,000		109,000
	\$22,349	22,349
	<u>100,372</u>	<u>100,372</u>
<u>109,000</u>	<u>122,721</u>	<u>977,873</u>
<u>105,127</u>	<u>13,086</u>	<u>118,213</u>
3,873	109,635	859,660
150,849	(20,683)	10,891,773
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>\$154,722</u>	<u>\$ 88,952</u>	<u>\$11,751,433</u>

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Sheet 1)

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Statement of Changes in Financial Position Year Ended December 31, 1999

	Current Fund	Overseas Graves Decorations Trust
Operating Activities:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 871,007	\$ 44,400
Add:		
Depreciation charged to operations not requiring cash	201,857	
Loss from sale of fixed assets	1,806	
Certain working capital transactions:		
Accounts receivable	423,028	
Accrued interest on investments	(2,919)	(2,770)
Inventories	(78,281)	
Prepaid expenses and supplies	(390,808)	
Deferred expenses	(877,419)	
Postal deposits	2,000	
Accounts payable	(14,607)	
Deposits on emblem merchandise sales	2,749	
Funds in transit to American Legion Life Insurance Trust	(391,980)	
Deferred income	830,004	
Accrued vacation	6,586	
Provision for health insurance liability	16	
Other liabilities	5,951	
Cash provided by operations	<u>588,990</u>	<u>41,630</u>
Investing activities:		
Additions to property and equipment	(1,073,545)	
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	1,689	
Net decrease/(increase) in investments	<u>650,861</u>	<u>(32,900)</u>
	<u>(420,995)</u>	<u>(32,900)</u>
Financing activities:		
Principal payments under capital lease obligation	(19,546)	
Increase (Decrease) in cash	148,449	8,730
Cash, Beginning of the Year	<u>301,773</u>	<u>21,960</u>
Cash, End of the Year	<u>\$ 450,222</u>	<u>\$ 30,690</u>

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Position — Increase (Decrease) in Cash
 December 31, 1988

Paid-Up For Life Membership Fees	1988 Total	1988 Total
\$ 965,263	\$ 1,880,670	\$ 1,807,420
	201,857	204,111
	1,806	—
	423,028	(684,436)
(35,882)	(41,571)	36,056
	(78,281)	(332,174)
	(390,808)	(731,497)
	(877,419)	689,395
	2,000	3,414
	(14,607)	288,485
	2,749	(16,112)
	(391,980)	95,406
	830,004	(369,717)
	6,586	(13,917)
	16	4,984
	5,951	(10,056)
<u>929,381</u>	<u>1,560,001</u>	<u>971,362</u>
	(1,073,545)	(236,828)
	1,689	—
(1,151,256)	(533,295)	(1,323,183)
<u>(1,151,256)</u>	<u>(1,605,151)</u>	<u>(1,560,011)</u>
	(19,546)	(17,148)
(221,875)	(64,696)	(605,797)
<u>221,875</u>	<u>545,613</u>	<u>1,151,410</u>
<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 480,917</u>	<u>\$ 545,613</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

General: The American Legion National Headquarters (the Legion) is a national veterans organization which was declared to be a corporate body by an Act of the United States Congress on September 16, 1919.

According to the Original Act and Subsequent Amendments, the purpose of the Organization is: "To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to promote peace and good will among the peoples of the United States and all the nations of the earth; to preserve the memories and incidents of the two World Wars and the other great hostilities fought to uphold democracy; to cement the ties and comradeship born of service; and to consecrate the efforts of its members to mutual helpfulness and service of their country."

Basis of Presentation: The Legion generally reports for financial statement purposes on the accrual method of accounting, recognizing income when earned and expenses when incurred.

The Legion maintains its accounts on a fund accounting basis wherein the accountability for certain segments of its operations are presented in specific designated and restricted fund balances. Further, the Legion has designated certain amounts for future projects or purposes, which amounts are presented as appropriated funds in the accompanying financial statements.

The revenue and expenses of nonexpendable funds are not included in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund. Instead, they are recorded directly to the nonexpendable funds involved as set forth in the footnotes to the financial statements.

The amounts shown for 1987 in the accompanying Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund and Statement of Changes in Financial Position are included only to provide a basis for comparison with 1988 amounts.

Accounts Receivable: The direct charge-off method is used to account for losses in collection of accounts receivable. An allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable is considered unnecessary by the Legion because all significant accounts expected to be uncollectible have been written off.

Inventories: Inventories, which consist of Emblem items held for sale and magazine paper and publication rights, are valued at the lower of cost or market. Supplies which are not intended for sale are expensed when purchased.

Investments: Investments are recorded at cost. Premiums or discounts on investments are generally recognized at the time of disposal or maturity.

Property and Equipment: Furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost and are depreciated beginning in the year after acquisition on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets involved. Leasehold improvements and repairs are expensed when incurred.

Depreciation on the Washington, D.C. building is computed on the straight-line method using a thirty-year life. Beginning in 1969, investments approximately equal to the accumulated depreciation on the building have been segregated. Income on these investments is unrestricted.

Depreciation expense amounted to \$201,857 in 1988 and \$204,111 in 1987.

Income: Dues are recognized as income in the applicable membership period which is on a calendar-year basis.

In addition to other methods of obtaining new members, the Legion uses direct mail and other direct marketing approaches. The income generated from the direct membership solicitation is recognized in the applicable membership period (calendar year) and the expenses incurred to obtain these memberships are deferred and written off in the period in which the income is recognized.

The Legion is involved in various revenue enhancement programs. The revenue and expenses related to the programs are recognized in the periods to which they apply.

Income from The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation and the American Legion Life Insurance Trust are recorded when received. These receipts are for projects and programs conducted in the year of receipt.

Pension Plan: The Legion has a defined-benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees, as well as those of certain affiliated and subordinated groups. The plan was established in 1944 by vote of the Legion's National Convention. Contributions to the plan are made by the Legion and other participating groups on the basis of annual actuarial valuations.

Federal Income Tax: The Legion is exempt from federal income tax (except on unrelated business income) under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Note 2—Investments (Current Fund):

The cost and market value of Current Fund investments are as follows:

	December 31			
	1988		1987	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Segregated for Designated Funds:				
U.S. Government obligations	\$10,799,221	\$10,605,460	\$ 8,320,503	\$ 8,501,685
Accrued interest—restricted	207,239	207,239	238,585	238,585
Money market accounts	501,000	501,000	2,202,000	2,202,000
Uninvested cash	299	299	518	518
	<u>11,507,759</u>	<u>11,313,998</u>	<u>10,761,606</u>	<u>10,942,788</u>
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building:				
U.S. Government obligations	591,782	570,762	562,692	558,658
Other:				
U.S. Government obligations	12,695,458	12,371,914	14,862,020	14,940,676
Certificates of deposit	750,000	750,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
Repurchase Agreements	2,300,000	2,300,000	2,050,000	2,050,000
Money market accounts	1,040,458	1,040,458		
	<u>16,785,916</u>	<u>16,462,372</u>	<u>18,212,020</u>	<u>18,290,676</u>
Total investments	<u>\$28,885,457</u>	<u>\$28,347,132</u>	<u>\$29,536,318</u>	<u>\$29,792,122</u>

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Note 3—Capital and Operating Leases:

The Legion has entered into a lease agreement (which is accounted for as a capital lease) for the rental of a copier. The Legion has an option to purchase the equipment at the end of the original lease term at its fair market value. The Legion is liable for property taxes, insurance, and repairs and maintenance in connection with the leased copier. Cost and accumulated amortization of the capitalized lease was \$128,395 and \$64,197 at December 31, 1988 and \$128,395 and \$42,798 at December 31, 1987. Future minimum payments on the copier lease, together with the present value of the payments, is as follows:

Years ending	
December 31:	
1989	\$ 31,397
1990	31,397
1991	31,397
1992	2,618
Total future minimum payments	96,809
Less: Amount representing interest (approximately 13%)	17,591
Present value of future minimum payments	<u>\$79,218</u>

The Legion also rents other computer equipment, copiers, and cash registers under operating leases. Total rental expense on these operating leases was approximately \$132,000 in 1988 and \$129,000 in 1987.

In addition, the Legion has a lease with the State of Indiana for rental of the National Headquarters building in Indianapolis through November, 1989. According to the terms of the lease, in lieu of rental payments the Legion is required to maintain the interior of the building, as well as provide adequate insurance on the building. The cost of maintenance approximated \$320,000 in 1988 and \$288,000 in 1987. Insurance coverage is included in the Legion's general insurance policy. The Legion has the option of renewing the lease on the same terms through November, 1993.

Note 4—Restricted and Designated Funds:

Receipts which are restricted by the donor are credited to the appropriate restricted fund, against which all expenditures for the related project or program are charged. Periodically, the Legion may add to restricted funds through allocations from unappropriated funds for specific future purposes and projects.

The Restricted Fund, a designated fund, is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund, as well as principal, can be expended only on the recommendation of the National Finance Committee and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee at two successive meetings. It is the policy of The American Legion to transfer 10% of the prior year's defined net income to the Restricted Fund. There was no transfer for 1988 due to a net loss.

The Reserve Fund, a designated fund, also is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund may be used for the general operations of the Legion, but the principal can be expended only:

- (a) By action of the Legion at its national convention, or
- (b) By two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee in two successive meetings not less than sixty days apart.

Note 5—Appropriated Funds and Interfund Transfers:

There were no interfund transfers during 1988 between unappropriated and appropriated funds. The balances of appropriated funds at December 31, 1988 and 1987 were as follows:

Computer Reserve	\$ 500,000
Real Estate Reserve	841,977
Convention Reserve	100,000
Employee Insurance Premium Stabilization Reserve	100,000
Totals	<u>\$1,541,977</u>

Note 6—Nonexpendable Funds:

The earnings of the Overseas Graves Decoration Fund are being used to honor, preserve and decorate the graves of those who served in the United States armed forces who are buried overseas. The Fund is to continue at the will of the National Convention of the Legion or the National Executive Committee. The Fund's trust agreement may be amended, changed or succeeded at the will of the National Executive Committee, provided that the purpose for which the Fund was created is retained.

In October, 1974, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of a life membership plan available to any member of a participating department. In accordance with the plan, the assets of the Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund are segregated in a trust account from which funds equal to the annual dues of life members are withdrawn for current operations each year. The trust agreement provides that the Legion has the right to withdraw part or all of the assets of the trust account and to modify or terminate the trust agreement at its discretion.

Changes in Nonexpendable Funds during the year ended December 31, 1988 are as follows:

	Overseas Graves Decoration Fund	Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund
Revenue:		
Paid-Up-For-Life membership dues collected.....		\$ 842,726
Investment income.....	\$ 59,366	867,425
	<u>59,366</u>	<u>1,710,151</u>
Expenses:		
Membership dues withdrawn.....		604,421
Decoration of graves.....	14,966	
Administrative expense.....		114,993
Trust fees.....		25,474
	<u>14,966</u>	<u>744,888</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses.....	44,400	965,263
Fund balances, January 1, 1988.....	<u>697,897</u>	<u>6,991,434</u>
Fund balances, December 31, 1988.....	<u>\$742,297</u>	<u>\$7,956,697</u>

The cost and market value of investments in the Nonexpendable Funds are as follows:

	December 31			
	1988		1987	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:				
U.S. Government obligations.....	<u>\$ 696,947</u>	<u>\$ 680,806</u>	<u>\$ 664,047</u>	<u>\$ 667,027</u>
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:				
U.S. Government obligations.....	\$5,591,575	\$5,546,138	\$4,002,969	\$4,132,627
Money market accounts.....	815,303	815,303	1,118,043	1,118,043
Common stocks.....	1,419,314	1,672,623	1,553,924	1,736,773
Total investments.....	<u>\$7,826,192</u>	<u>\$8,034,064</u>	<u>\$6,674,936</u>	<u>\$6,987,443</u>

Note 7—American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation:

The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation (the Endowment Fund) was incorporated in 1925 as a not-for-profit corporation with perpetual existence to act as trustee for the American Legion Endowment Fund, which was created to provide permanent funding for rehabilitation of American veterans and assistance to orphans of veterans. In August, 1946, the Legion transferred securities having a market value of \$2,001,000 to the Endowment Fund. The assets transferred have been held segregated by the Endowment Fund and the principal related to the 1946 transfer, which had a market value of \$1,878,028 at December 31, 1988, may be withdrawn by the Legion, if needed, for rehabilitation of veterans or assistance to orphans of veterans.

Income earned on the investments of the Endowment Fund, net of administrative expenses, is payable to the Legion to support its programs for the above-mentioned purposes. Income from the Endowment Fund amounted to \$562,025 in 1988 and \$569,256 in 1987.

Note 8—Life Insurance Trust:

In connection with The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan, the Legion has created a Trust to which the First National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, as Trustee, holds legal title. The accumulated earnings of the Trust funds and any experience rating refunds and dividends received from the insurers, which aggregate to \$5,610,812 as of December 31, 1988, are available for any of the following purposes, if approved by the Legion:

- To increase the Trust fund.
- To reduce or pay in full the life insurance premiums thereafter due from participants.
- To provide additional life insurance benefits for the participants.
- To make refunds to the participants.
- To make distributions to the Legion in support of its activities and programs serving the interest of the Legion and its members, provided that such distributions are not disapproved in writing by a majority of the participants.

In accordance with the provisions of item (e) above, the Legion's National Executive Committee has approved partial funding of the oratorical contest, Boys' Nation, American Legion Baseball, and other programs of the Legion. At December 31, 1988, \$960,400 in Trust Funds had been approved for use in designated programs during 1989.

Note 9—Pension Plan:

The funded status of the plan at the end of the year was:

	December 31	
	1988	1987
Actuarial present value of plan benefits:		
Vested	\$(11,223,181)	\$(9,763,724)
Nonvested	(677,251)	(1,251,592)
Accumulated benefit obligation	<u>\$(11,900,432)</u>	<u>\$(11,015,316)</u>
Projected benefit obligation	\$(13,878,002)	\$(11,141,616)
Plans assets at fair value, primarily listed stock, bonds, and U.S. securities	19,482,314	18,592,977
Excess of plan assets over projected benefit obligation	5,604,312	7,451,361
Unrecognized net gain	(1,286,842)	(2,102,550)
Prior service cost not yet recognized in net periodic pension cost	1,106,390	—
Unrecognized net asset at end of year	<u>(3,721,250)</u>	<u>(4,011,614)</u>
Prepaid pension expense	<u>\$ 1,702,610</u>	<u>\$ 1,337,197</u>

The funded status of the pension plan at the end of the year was:

	1988	1987
Service cost—benefits earned during the year	\$ 541,599	\$ 497,694
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	982,936	878,428
Actual return on assets	(1,403,302)	(699,782)
Net amortization and deferral	(184,582)	(976,058)
Net pension expense (credit)	<u>\$(63,349)</u>	<u>\$(299,718)</u>

The discount rate and rate of increase in future compensation levels used in determining the actuarial present value of the projected benefit obligation were 7.75 and 6%, respectively, for 1988 and 8.25 and 5%, respectively, for 1987. The assumed rate of return on plan assets for both years was 7.5%.

Note 10—Litigation

The Legion is currently involved in and/or has been mentioned as a defendant or co-defendant in several legal actions. It is the opinion of the National Judge Advocate that these claims are without merit and any ultimate liability of the Legion with respect to these actions will not materially affect the financial position of the Legion.

Note 11—Commitments:

During 1988, the Legion commenced a major renovation project on the Washington, D.C. building. The renovation is scheduled to be substantially completed in December 1989 at a total estimated cost of approximately \$4,300,00. Purchase commitments relating to completion of this project total approximately \$3,400,000 at March 30, 1989.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Mr. H. F. Gierke, National Commander
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

We have audited and reported separately on the basic financial statements of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1988 and 1987 and for the year ended December 31, 1988.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Geo. S. Olive & Co.
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 30, 1989

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Reconciliation of Audited Financial Statements to Internal Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 1988

	Total Current Fund
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses —	
Internal Financial Statements	\$103,127
Reporting difference — correction of prior year's inventory computational errors	91,780
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses (Unappropriated) —	
Audited Financial Statements — exhibit B, sheet 1 (page 4)	11,347
Add:	
Excess of revenue over expense for certain designated and restricted funds not included in internal financials — principally The Restricted Fund — exhibit B, sheet 2 (page 7)	859,660
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses — Audited Financial Statements — exhibit B, sheet 1 (page 5)	\$871,007

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation

Robert Charles Smith (LA) President

Foreseeing the necessity of a recurring income source for funding its war veterans rehabilitation and child welfare programs, The American Legion conducted a national campaign in 1925 which raised approximately \$5 million for this purpose. The funds contributed were entrusted to the custody of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation.

The Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1925 and a trust agreement between The American Legion and the Corporation was signed in

accordance with which the funds are administered by the Corporation with the annual net investment income being paid to The American Legion for use in the two programs involved.

The operations and financial condition of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation for each of the last five years are summarized below (taken from the annual audit reports prepared by Geo. S. Olive & Co., Indianapolis, Indiana).

	December 31, 1988	December 31, 1987	December 31, 1986	December 31, 1985	December 31, 1984
Total assets	\$7,457,123	\$7,437,287	\$7,410,175	\$7,351,453	\$7,340,044
Investments—at cost	\$7,377,303	\$7,372,598	\$7,325,349	\$7,260,235	\$7,250,912
Interest income	\$ 594,968	\$ 585,017	\$ 628,683	\$ 639,808	\$ 626,405
Expenses	23,147	29,278	25,706	31,237	27,469
Excess income over expense	\$ 571,821	\$ 555,739	\$ 602,977	\$ 608,571	\$ 598,936
Funds transferred to The American Legion	\$ 583,324	\$ 577,471	\$ 573,282	\$ 615,096	\$ 580,612
Average yield on book value of investments	8.65%	8.29%	8.47%	8.90%	8.92%



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